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The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the local context in which a project is implemented. This includes a thorough analysis of the social, cultural, and economic factors that may influence the success or failure of the intervention. The authors argue that a one-size-fits-all approach is often ineffective, and that tailoring the program to the specific needs and values of the community is essential for achieving sustainable results.

In the second section, the authors explore the role of community participation in the design and implementation of development projects. They emphasize that involving local stakeholders from the outset not only helps to build trust and ownership but also ensures that the program addresses the most pressing concerns of the target population. This participatory approach is contrasted with top-down models, which often fail to account for the complexities of local realities.

The third section of the paper focuses on the challenges of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) in complex, multi-stakeholder environments. The authors discuss the difficulties of defining clear, measurable indicators that capture the true impact of the intervention, particularly when the outcomes are long-term and multifaceted. They propose a flexible, iterative M&E framework that allows for adjustments as more data is gathered and the understanding of the program's effects evolves.

Finally, the paper concludes by reflecting on the broader implications of the findings for the field of international development. The authors call for a more holistic and context-sensitive approach to program design and implementation, one that prioritizes the voices of the communities being served. They suggest that by embracing these principles, development practitioners can move beyond short-term fixes and work towards creating lasting, positive change in the lives of the people they aim to help.







## **In the Blink of an Eye**

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# Editor's Note

**Whether it was a story deadline, an ad day, or a computer problem** the yearbook class had hundreds of headaches and hair-pulling moments. We gave our advisor, Timm Pilcher, headache after headache as well. There would be no book without his support and guidance. There would be no staff without his knowledge.

To make the book better than ever, we tried putting in every possible moment. From the big clubs like Best Buddies to the smaller Romance Novel club, we wanted every husky to shine. We set new deadline schedules, required team photos for sports and clubs, and started a "ban poster" to help get more people into the book.

Old school technology couldn't keep up with our new computer programs, delaying production till mid November. Despite these problems, we managed to pull through even if it was sometimes last minute. The hassle of the new program paid off, making the page design far better than we have ever made on our old software.

Cameras and notebooks in tow, it was made a point this year to document every concert, every slam dunk, every aspect of husky life. These moments are quick, and in the blink of an eye, they disappear. In the blink of an eye, you're a senior wondering where all of your Hoover days have gone. In the blink of an eye, you're going through all of your old yearbooks before your ten year reunion to remember the 'good old days'. In the blink of an eye, you're showing your grandchildren what you looked like 'way back when'.

All of your finest husky moments are captured right here for you. Because in the blink of an eye we knew that you'd forget that just like that, these days are gone.

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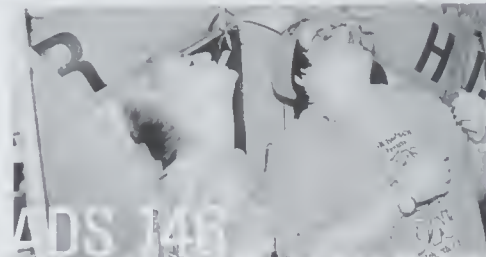
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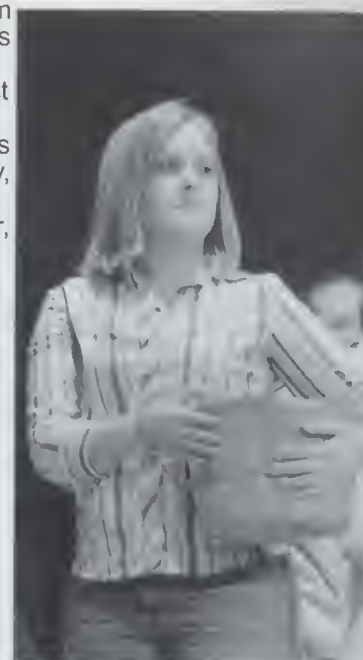
# Student Life, its more than you think

Can you make it?

There is more to Hoover than just the classes. You have the dances, the school plays, your jobs. When it comes to the dances, you spend the whole day getting ready, fixing your hair, picking up the flowers, and taking tons of pictures, all to go dance the night away with your date or just your friends. When it comes to school plays, one word can sum it all up, dedication, all the late night rehearsals and run-throughs to see the standing ovation from the crowd on opening night. And what about your job, whether you work at a grocery store or a daycare center its your first step to independence, and the paychecks aren't bad either. But when all that is done, and with what time you have left, you hang out with your friends and family. Go to the movies, bowling, concerts, the mall, or simply just hanging out at somebody's house. There is more to Hoover than just the classes, there is everything in between, your life. Can you make it?

Bottom- Junior Powderpuff players watch the game from the sidelines. The game was played at Cara McGrane Stadium and the juniors lost the game 12-6.

Right- Senior Sarah Stearns rehearses for the winter play, A Christmas Carol, Stearns played Mrs. Dilbur, a dancer, and a flower vendor.

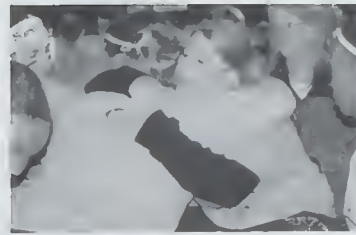


Top-Sophomore Evan Eastman runs through the spirit tunnel. The cheerleaders created a spirit tunnel for the boys varsity basketball team to run through during a pep assembly honoring the team for making it to the state tournament. The boys went all the way and finished their season with a 26-0 record and won the first state basketball tournament for the school. Left-Student of all Seasons recipients Cassondra Boston, An Pham, Joe Muldoon, Adam Haselhuhn, and Jack Newman judge the spirit stick competition after the winners were announced. It has been tradition for the Student of all Seasons recipients to judge this competition.





Junior Sheila Olsen plays the part of the ghost of Christmas present for the winter play, A Christmas Carol.



Senior Emily Tempel hugs senior Jessica Vanderlinden after the powderpuff game. During the game Vanderlinden was injured.



Senior Zach Rohlwing plays the bass for his band ZPS at a show at Vaudeville Mews.



Top- Former Hoover social studies teacher and gubernatorial candidate Chet Culver announces his candidacy for governor in the east cafeteria on November 3, 2005. Left- Sophomore Nikki Kemp works at her job at Big Sky Bread.



Top-Senior Powderpuff cheerleaders Ryan Young, Erik Harvey, Zach Rohlwing, Eric Anderson, Danny Gooding, David Bicket, Jon Andorf, Travis Brown, Dan Braak, and Alex Emley show off their skills at the powderpuff game. Left-Homcoming king and queen De Anthony Zanders and Stephanie Jacobson take a seat after just being crowned.

Sophomore Nikki Kemp (right) works on making a latte. She has been working at Big Sky Bread in Urbandale since her freshman year.

Jake Birdsell (below) pushes carts at Dahl's on Merle Hay. Jake has been working at Dahl's for 2 years.



Sophomore, Laura Gates(right) helps out a customer. Gates has been working at Dahl's for 6 months.



he said



"I did it (got a job) for gas, so didn't have to ask my parents for gas and buy stuff without having to ask my parents."

--Senior Jeff Brittain

she said

"My grandparents were complaining that I take too much money from them so I decided to go out and get a job. Right when my grandma called and told me I needed to go out and get a job, I passed a gas station and it said call for employment so I called and went in and they hired me on the spot."

--Senior Kristine Beghtel





# Old people, food, and insurance

## Go to sleep, go to eat and go to school. A typical teenager right?

What about working?

Senior Danielle Thompson has been working at Farmer Insurance Group for one year and a month. For her it's "a dream come true."

Thompson is a secretary. "I've wanted to be a secretary since I was in eighth grade," Thompson said.

As a secretary it is Thompson's job to file and fax important papers, maintain her boss' schedule, make and confirm client appointments and take payments for peoples' premiums. "It's cheesecake," she said.

Freshman Caleb Kafer, who works at Wendy's doesn't have as much to worry about. Kafer doesn't have much of a chance to let his grades suffer. "I don't have good grades then I can't work," Kafer said

For junior Deb O'Brien it is a different story. She has been working at Arbor Springs, a dietary aid for elderly people for the past eight months. "I needed the money to support myself," O'Brien said.

The rising cost of gas and material items don't always fit the budget of some students' budgets, so they resort to getting a job. Some have to pay for driver's education, sometimes a car and even college.

Sophomore Laura Gates who is working at Dahl's as her first job, is saving her money for all of the above. "I needed a job to get money so I could support myself. It doesn't fit my parent's budget," she said.

Jobs are stressful in many ways. "At my job you're running constantly, and people are always throwing (stuff) at me," O'Brien said

High School students don't just sit around and 'veg' out. They are out there doing their best so they can go somewhere in life. It may not be a glamorous job, but it gets you one step ahead of everyone else.

## minute by minute



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Junior Casey Rooker works hard to figure out seating arrangements for customers. Rooker has been working at Bennis's for 5 months. Rooker works with senior Timmy Jaynes.

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Sophomore Laura Gates shows the steps to proper grocery sacking. First, pick up the item.

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Second, place the item in the bag.

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Third, proceed by taking the sack off the rack.

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Finally, place the sack in the cart.

# All That

## How much did we pay?

- \$2.49** A gallon of gas (March 2006)
- \$8.00-8.75** Movie ticket
- \$9.99-14.99** CD
- \$5,616** College tuition and fees (average for a year)
- \$5.15** Minimum wage

“I taught and coached right here at Hoover High School. I know the responsibility and challenges of shaping young minds.”  
-Former social studies teacher and gubernatorial candidate Chet Culver

Gubernatorial candidate Chet Culver announces his candidacy for governor in the cafeteria on November 3, 2005. Culver is running as a democrat and the elections will be held in November 2006.



Top- Football coach and social studies teacher Brian Tate introduces candidate for governor, Chet Culver.



Right- Seniors Stephanie Frazer, Christine Eaton, and Tuan Tong donate some of their money to the student created Hurricane Katrina fund.



Seniors Josh Signs, Abreya Higgins, and Mercedes Craddock sit at a table during lunch to collect money for H.H.S. Helping Hurricane Survivors, a relief fund created by seniors Josh Signs, Abreya Higgins, Mercedes Craddock, Calli Laudick and Emily Tempel to help the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. H.H.S. raised over \$1,200 for hurricane survivors.



Photo by Paul Joy

# We've Seen it All

From life changing national disasters to an inside look into politics, Hoover students have seen it all this year.

**This year's weather** captured the headlines just as much as other news events.

The United States and Mexico was hit with hurricane after hurricane, but no one imagined the devastation one of them would have.

According to <http://en.wikipedia.org>, on August 29, 2005 the southern United States, stretching from Louisiana to Alabama was hit with a category 5 hurricane named, Hurricane Katrina. The storm breached the New Orleans's levee and the city soon flooded, trapping many people on their roofs of their homes and leaving thousands to escape the hurricane by living in the Super Dome. The official death toll of the storm stands at 1,302 and damage is estimated at \$70-\$130 billion, with the major damage done to the coastal regions of Louisiana, Mississippi and

Alabama. Hurricane Katrina was the most destructive national disaster in the history of the United States.

"It was an economic disaster for that area of the country and has a ripple effect on the rest of us," said Harvey Kimble, a Hoover/Central history teacher.

In the local front, former Hoover social studies teacher and Secretary of State, Chet Culver, announced that he would be running for governor in the fall of 2006. He made this important announcement in the east cafeteria on November 3, 2005.

"I taught and coached right here at Hoover High School. I know the responsibility and challenges of shaping young minds," Culver said.

This year has been nothing short of extraordinary. The United States has seen its worst national disaster ever recorded and Hoover has seen one of its own take on new responsibility with a gubernatorial candidacy.

\*Note: Chet Culver quotes were collected by Samantha Toole

# We're all here

## Pride includes all sports

**Football, bowling and drama.** Not all are considered sports in every person's eyes.

These are all activities that are recognized at the pep assemblies though. It's easy to see that all sports are recognized including the upcoming drama performance.

"It shows that our school cares about the activities. It's important to involve all sports so that those people who didn't get recognized won't get upset," senior David Bicket said.

Teams walk through the spirit tunnel and the crowd cheers. What kind of a feeling is it to get recognized?

"It's pretty cool to walk through it, but once you get through it and you walk across the gym to your grade, you're like 'this is pretty stupid,'" sophomore Mike Kuhn said.

"I don't feel anything different walking through the tunnel," Bicket said.

Maybe being a part of the assembly isn't the most exciting thing in the world, but most students like to get pumped up for the upcoming events.

"My favorite part of the assembly is when we're doing the V-I-C-T-O-R-Y thing," freshman Kersten Crawford said. Kuhn and Bicket agree.

It's part of husky pride to involve all of our sports and activities and not just the dominant ones, something that will hopefully continue in years to come.

Seniors Danny Gooding, David Bicket, junior Larissa Welch and senior Ryan Young cheer for the boys basketball team. The team had many pep assemblies this year because of the winning the state tournament.



Sophomore Daniel Oswald plays his trumpet in the pep band. Pep band plays at every assembly and also some home basketball and football games.





# formula for **spirit**

**1** Dress up in the most outrageous Hoover attire and colors. Cover yourself in the green and gold.

**2** Make sure you're in the student section of all games or matches as possible standing. Yell your loudest and never feel ashamed of acting peppy.

**3** Be proud of not only all sports teams, but clubs and honored peers as well.



Sophomore Charade King shows some school pride at a pep assembly by yelling for the sports teams being presented.



Above- Junior Troy Strom tries to take a pillow out of its case as part of a game sponsored by student council (STUCO). STUCO sponsors a new game for every pep assembly, and they often pit the different grades against each other.



Left- Seniors Jon Maahs, Matt Owen and David Gross yell "V-I-C-T-O-R-Y" for the senior section to win the Spirit Stick at the homecoming pep assembly. The seniors usually win the spirit stick but the juniors won it this time.

# Ian's Last Year

## Students say goodbye to Rohlwing

**F**or the past six years it hasn't been uncommon to see Ian Rohlwing in the journalism room during newspaper and yearbook class. You'll see him clowning around with the other staffers and stealing whatever food happens to be lying around. At 21 he's the school's oldest publications staffer, and this year he gets to put on that cap and gown and graduate. "Ian has been here for six years. In Iowa a student with special needs can elect to extend their school years to the age of 21," said special education teacher Cindy Grandquist.

Even though Ian's age is a factor, his mother E.J. Jorgensen says he's ready for a change. "It's time. He's ready and I'm not sure what will happen but I know he's making the right decisions," she said.

"Ian has been treated fairly and Best Buddies has done a lot," Jorgensen said. "He has taught others to be understanding; he feels that he fits in and that is wonderful."

"Once he leaves school, he will live semi-independently and will receive 24-hour assistance through an agency here in Des Moines that will provide family support and teach him vocational skills," Grandquist said.

Ian has some fun at a Best Buddies event by bobbing for apples. Every October, Best Buddies has a Halloween bash.



Alex, Ian, Ivy, and Zach Rohlwing show off their Christmas stockings on Christmas morning when Ian was younger. Ivy and Zach are seniors.



E.J. Jorgensen, Alan Rohlwing, Zach, Ian, Alex, and Ivy on a family vacation. Alex is Ian's twin and graduated in 2003.







Right- Ian and girlfriend Katie Meade at a school dance. The couple like to attend school dances, sports events, and go out to eat.

Below Right- Ian and father Alan Rohlwing stop to take a photo together after a special olympics event. Ian participates in special olympics and loves to bowl.

Below- Ian Rohlwing poses for a Best Buddies photo in 2003. Rohlwing has been in Best Buddies his six years in high school.



## Ian's Favorite **Things**

**1 MOVIES** - Ian likes to go to movies. His favorite kind of movies are scary.

**2 FOOD** - Ian's favorite food is pizza. ESPECIALLY sausage pizza.

**3 PUBLICATIONS** - Ian loves being in yearbook and newspaper.

## Quote Me!

I think ZPS will stay together after high school because they really like playing together”

**Junior  
Bailey Eginore**



Senior Dan Braak and Julia Whaley rock out to ZPS with junior Bailey Eginore. They sing along to the chorus of “Go Slow” while banging their fists to the words. The band played at Entertainment Tonight.



(right) Senior Alex Rooney plays guitar for ZPS. His inspirations include Rush and Coheed & Cambria

Senior Evan Davis plays the drums at Entertainment Tonight, an annual event at Hoover. Davis has been playing the drums for eight years. He also plays drums for the school band.

(Below) Senior Zach Rohlwing plays bass guitar. His favorite thing about playing the bass is “the chicks.”



(right) Davis and Rooney fool around in front of the camera as Rohlwing poses. ZPS has been together since the eighth grade.







# ZPS

They stand on the second floor of the **Vaudeville Mews** staring over the balcony. Seniors Evan Davis and Zach Rohlwing have been watching contently as the band on stage does a sound check. Bandmate senior Alex Rooney has begun a game of pool with his friend. Roosevelt senior Dan Singer, to pass the time.

It is already past 9:30 and the first band hasn't started their set. ZPS won't play for at least another hour.

"Well, we were supposed to be opening band, but it got mixed up, so we're going on second," Davis said.

It is a Tuesday night, and the boys have school in the morning.

"I pay too much attention to my band, and not enough to my schoolwork," Davis said.

The first band goes on and the boys gather with some friends around a table overlooking the stage. They almost look like some sort of clan, all wearing

black shirts and baggy jeans.

Rooney begins to pace the floor as he pops a piece of Eclipse gum into his mouth. He tosses his hair for over the dozenth time.

"Hah, yeah I'm nervous," Rooney said in a joking manner. The first band finally finishes and ZPS goes to the stage to start setting up.

Then they return to their seats.

"I guess we're not playing 'till last now," Rohlwing said. The band patiently listens to two more bands as they wait their turn to play.

10:30, 11, 11:30.

By midnight, they are almost ready to play their set.

"Thanks for stickin' around," Rooney said over the mike. The crowd has tapered down, but there are still people at the **Vaudeville** waiting for them to play. A few friends and co-workers have been hanging around since 9.

They play for about half an hour, ending

with "Battlestar", one of the band's favorites.

"It wasn't a bad night, I'm just tired and I have school in the morning," Rooney said.

But the band isn't too tired for a little food after packing up their set. It's off to **Perkin's** with some close friends.

It's now 1:18 a.m. as the bandmates enter the restaurant. Rohlwing orders his usual: a chicken strips basket.

"You should see him," Rooney said. "He just scarfs that thing down." And within 10 minutes of his food arriving, Rohlwing's plate is completely empty. The boys continue to joke around with each other as they eat their food. Davis bets Rooney he can't finish his food. Rooney swears he will, "this time," he said.

By 2:15, all the boys have finished their food, besides Rooney that is, and impatiently wait on the check. The night has been long and the boys are tired. After all, it is a school night.



Fans enjoy themselves at a ZPS concert. (left) Senior Julia Whaley and junior Danielle Guisinger dance. (right) Guisinger and senior Kalee Kleinhesselink listen to "Go Slow."



# Don't Mess With Tradition

Homecoming week endured some changes, but the traditions were kept alive.

Homecomings are something that people expect and anticipate while they are in high school. The dress-up days, car rally, powder puff game, homecoming football game, it is something that has truly become a tradition.

This year homecoming week was September 26-October 1. The week was filled with the traditional activities. We had dress-up days which included pajama day on Monday where students wore everything from robes, to Bart Simpson slippers. Tuesday was Salsa Day where you could walk down the halls and see big sombreros and fake mustaches. Wednesday was the traditional toga day for seniors where seniors fashioned old bed sheets into togas. "My favorite activity was toga day because it was finally our turn," said Senior Josh Signs. For juniors, it was luau day, juniors were seen sporting grass skirts and coconut bras. Sophomores dressed simply with their theme being white tees and jeans day. Freshman's day was Mardi Gras, where these new high school students wore vibrant colored Mardi Gras beads. Thursday was Sports Day, which is reserved for the Powder puff players to wear their t-shirts and the rest of the student body represents their favorite sports team. Friday is the traditional Green and Gold day, which has seemed to be around for decades. Students came to school in homemade green and gold t-shirts and painted faces. The Homecoming pep assembly was held Friday morning. The Homecoming king and queen were seniors DeAnthony Zanders and Stephanie Jacobson. Although tradition was broken when the seniors lost the spirit stick to the juniors, the seniors were happy with chanting "Powderpuff...powderpuff...powderpuff." There was of course a car rally, the day of the "big game" where students decorated their cars with car paint and green and gold streamers. Let's not forget about the girls.

Senior Powderpuff cheerleaders Ryan Young, Erik Harvey, Zach Rohlwing, Eric Anderson, Danny Gooding, David Bicket, Jon Andorf, Travis Brown, Dan Braak, and Alex Emley show off their skills by doing a pyramid at the powderpuff game.



The powderpuff game took place of September 29. With the seniors beating the juniors 12-6., all the girls fought hard but the seniors squeezed by with a final touchdown in the last two minutes of the game. As for the boys, we faced off with Lincoln this year on September 30th. The Huskies fought hard but lost the game 42-16.

During homecoming week there is an activity for almost everyone. Everyone has a favorite. "My favorite activities are the powderpuff game and the car rally." Senior Calli Laudick said.

Student Council, the organizers of homecoming week, tries to keep everyone happy by sticking the tradition, but still adding some new spice. This year student council eliminated the sidewalk painting due to lack of popularity, but still kept in a favorite, the car rally. The student council also added a new dress-up day, Salsa Day. "We use ideas that we hear from people and then we all vote on what the majority wants." Junior Allison Kirschbaum said. Kirschbaum is a junior class senator with Student Council.

Homecoming week at Hoover is more than just football game,s and getting to wear your pjs or a toga class. It's about representing our Husky Pride and carrying on the Hoover tradition.

I think that participating in homecoming activities is important because if you don't get your school spirit and do the car rally, pj day or powderpuff game, you won't have as much fun. That's why as a senior, I think it is important to do all that you can because it will be over soon.

-Senior Calli Laudick

(From right to left) Seniors Kailey Fucaloro, Nicole Evans, Kamita Aldrich, Caitlin Betts, Hannah Laird, and Ashley Rooker cheer on the sidelines at the annual powderpuff game.







Right- The senior powderpuff team and fans cheer after the seniors beat the juniors 12-6. Senior Joe Muldoon leads the crowd in the school song.

Left- Seniors Evan Davis and Stephanie Jacobson react after homecoming queen is announced at the homecoming pep assembly September 30. Jacobson was announced homecoming queen and De Anthony Zanders was announced has homecoming king.

Photo by Paul Joy



## What did we Homecoming activities for the week do again?

**Monday:** Pajama Day

**Tuesday:** Salsa Day

**Wednesday:**

Seniors- Toga Day

Juniors- Luau Day

Sophomores- White tee and jeans day

Freshman- Mardi Gras

**Thursday:** Sports Day

**Friday:** Green and Gold Day



(From to left right) Seniors Rebecca Holmes, Alex Mentzer, Jade Heidt, Stephanie Jacobson, Shanta Jackson, and Erin Huckins pose in their togas on seniors toga day. Toga Day for seniors has been a tradition for many years.

The cheerleaders paint a spirit car to be smashed by the Hoover fans at the homecoming football game. It cost \$1 for one hit and students used a sledgehammer and smashed apart the car.

# top 5

## Everything great about Homecoming.

- 1 The theme, Viva Las Vegas.
- 2 The decorations, made by STUCO.
- 3 The dance colors, which were red, gold, and black
- 4 The beautiful outfits of the attendees.
- 5 Having a fun night with friends.



From left to right, sophomores Sara Little, Laura Gates, and Grant Harvey take a break from dancing. The dance floor was set up in the school gym.

(above right) Students get their groove on out on the dance floor.

(right) From left to right, senior Eric Harvey, sophomore Racchel Stern, and senior Nikki Evans pose for a picture.







(above) A "Welcome to Las Vegas" sign greets students as they come into homecoming.

# Viva Las Vegas

## Money, Money, Money

### he said



"Some of us would have enjoyed a nice slow dance instead of

listening to rap all night."

--Junior Dan Tasler

### she said



"The night was awesome, I loved hanging out with my

friends for one of the last times!"

--Senior Caitlain Riordan

The "best" week of the school year begins and ends in the blink of an eye. The ending night will start with a BANG as students everywhere rush to get ready.

Students forget that although it's the "best" week of the year, it's not all about them. "It's fun, it's exciting, and it's stressful," said Doug Wheeler, the advisor for the Student Council (STUCO).

Homecoming is more than attendees; (STUCO) plays a humon-

gous part in the homecoming theme, decorations and the music.

"We fight and argue a lot," said Junior Beca Sipraga, a junior. "People get mad when we don't choose their ideas, like me."

STUCO tries to satisfy everyone when they make their decisions. Sometimes that's just not possible. Through all the arguing, discussing, and debating, not everyone is always satisfied.

Almost every year, music comes up as an issue to be reckoned with. "They don't need to change [the music] but I think they should throw in there some different music," said Tanner Miller-moore

Music usually leads to dancing which sometimes can cause some problems. Hoover doesn't have any dancing rules that are enforced except for one. "If it looks like they're getting busy we step in," Wheeler said.



Sophomores Berina Smajlovic and Emily Nations take a quick minute to pose for the camera before heading out to the dance floor.

# Ya'll Get Ready to Dedicate!

Students take time away from their social lives to be in the play.

This year's play, which was performed October 6-8, is a comedy about an old hick town in Texas called Tuna. It revolves around a radio station by the name of OKKK. It tells about the lives of people and the racism within the town.

"Everyday we have practice; we go through the scenes and Mr. Hildreth stops us and tells us if we are doing something wrong," Senior Stephanie Jacobson said. This year everybody made the cast. There is a regular cast and a under-study cast. The regular cast performed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night. The under-study performed Saturday afternoon.

"I like being in the plays, it's a lot of fun and I get to be a girl named Ronnie," senior Adam Haselhuhn said.

"Although it is very time consuming and conflicts with a lot, it's a lot of fun and and you make friends you might not usually meet," Jacobson said. Jacobson plays Petey Fisk, a male animal rights activist that comes on the radio station to try and get people to save the ducks and other animals. "For a comedy I think it was one of the better ones," Sophomore Adam Beaves said.

To be in the play you don't have to take drama class. All you have to do is try-out. All grades are welcome. Students agree that putting on a play takes a lot of commitment but is also a lot of fun!

Going in there I didn't really know what to expect, but I was cracking up the whole time. I thought Emily Newton as an old lady was the funniest!

-Junior Kelli Shaffner

Left to right: Sophomores Hiliary Pierson, Adam Stearns, and Anthony Olsen show off their Greater Tuna t-shirts.







Left- Senior Adam Haselhuhn stuffs his bra for his role in the play.  
Right- From left to right Junior Jake Hestbech, Sophomore Aaron Glynn, and Junior Matt Henry prepare for the play. Before every show the cast does voice and physical warm-ups.



## top 5

### Cool things about Greater Tuna

- 1 Senior Emily Newton as an old lady.
- 2 Senior Stephanie Jacobson's lisp.
- 3 Guys dressed up as girls.
- 4 Senior Adam Haselhuhn as a women.
- 5 It was just funny!



Cast members show off their dramatic sides as they pose for a group photo. Comedia was the first drama production of the school year.



Top left: The Ghost of Christmas Future shows Scrooge what will happen after his death. His house is mugged (by seniors Gillum Kyker, Sarah Stearns, and Emily Newton).



Top right: The Ghost of Christmas Past reminds Scrooge of what he used to be like, and where it all went wrong. Young Scrooge is played by Jason Homard.

Below left: Mrs. Cratchit (junior Bailey Egniore) and her son, Peter Cratchit (freshman Dalton Jacobus) prepare dinner for Bob Cratchit, who is employed by "Mr Scrooge".



**he said**

"It (the play) was pretty sweet." If he could change one thing, "it would be having less practicees."



freshman  
**Dalton Jacobus**

**she said**



freshman **Hillary Olson**

"I loved working with my family in the play. All the upper-classmen were very nice"



Above: Guests enjoy themselves at the Cratchit house for a party to celebrate the Christmas season. L-R: sophomore Hillary Pierson, senior Paul Joy, sophomore Sam Kyker, and sophomore Kendra Swanson



The Ghost of Christmas Past (senior Stephanie Jacobson) shows Scrooge (senior Joshua Sheridan) his bitter youth, where young Scrooge (Jason Homard) lost his only love and became absorbed in his work.

Scrooge's nephew, Fred (junior Matt Henry) and a happy caroler (senior Danny Goodding) embrace the Christmas spirit as Scrooge continues to wallow.



The Ghost of Christmas Present, junior Sheila Olson, tries to show Scrooge the happiness and joy of Christmas.



# ● A Christmas Carol

## Fourth time's the charm?

A Christmas Carol. These three words are often murmured around Hoover. That is because we perform A Christmas Carol every four years, and this was the year to do it again.

"This is actually year five," senior Kalee Kleinhesselink said. "It should have been last year but he (Hildreth) wanted to play Seussical last year."

The last time A Christmas Carol was shown was in 2000. The play in 2000 had an 80's theme.

"I remember my brother being in (the 2000 play). He was a guest as the Fezziwig party like I am this year," senior Stephanie Frazer said. She also played a pickpocket in the play.

So why is A Christmas Carol so popular among Hoover plays? Dennis Hildreth has the answer.

"It's a favorite classic story. I'd do it every year if I thought I could get away with it," Hildreth said.

"I think it's a good tradition," sophomore Adam Beaves said. "There are people who make sure to see A Christmas Carol every time Hoover shows it."



Although it plays at Hoover often, it always comes with originality from the time before. This year would be no different. The play was full of laughter and tears, not to mention a few moments of stress.

"The last week is always stressful, but we had fun and it's worth it in the end," junior Elyse Sinklier said.

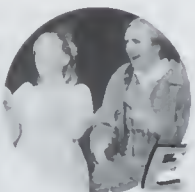
There's fun every time, but there's always something new and different.

"He (Hildreth) does it different every time so it's new each time you see it," Kleinhesselink said. "They put more music in it this year. The choir sang more and we had a band."

No matter the differences in the play, the one thing that remains constant is a good time.

"I think it went really well," Sinklier said. "Everybody did their part and we had a lot of fun."

### play by play



### CHARACTERS TO CONSIDER:

- Senior Adam Haselhuhn as Bob Cratchit.
- Junior Matt Henry as Fred, Scrooge's nephew.
- Senior Paul Joy and sophomore Sam Kyker as party guests, sophomore Adam Stearns as Fezziwig (center).
- Senior Stephanie Frazer as a pickpocket and sophomore Adam Beaves as The Officer.
- Seniors Sarah Stearns and Gillum Kyker as party guests.

**1** Scrooge (senior Joshua Sheridan) bitterly wants his employee, Bob Cratchit (senior Adam Haselhuhn) to work on Christmas.

**2** Due to Scrooge's bah-humbug attitude, he is visited by the ghost of his old partner, Jacob Marley (Grey Lovelace) who warns him to change.

**3** The Ghost of Christmas Past (senior Stephanie Jacobson) leads Scrooge through his bitter past, where he lost his only love, Belle (Kelsey Manning).

**4** Scrooge sees the error of his ways. Having a new outlook on life, he increases Cratchit's salary and promises to be a better person.

# top 5

## ways to be nominated!

- 1 Good grades
- 2 Volunteer work
- 3 Have a 3.0 or above grade point average
- 4 Extra curricular activities
- 5 Suck up to your teacher



Sean Williams accepts his award for being a Student of All Seasons nominee.

“That is one of the cool things about Student of All Seasons, it lets the students that work hard, have the dedication, and drive to be the best get recognized for all their hard work.

-Senior Jodi Harding



Right- An Pham receives her nominee certificate from principal Connie Cook. Pham is the senior class President



The Student of All Seasons winners from left Jack Newman, Adam Haselhuhn, Joe Muldoon, Cassandra Boston and An Pham.



Nominee Jack Newman sits back down after performing with the senior cheerleaders during the annual senior dance.





The nominees talk amongst each other as they await the results. Five nominees are chosen each year by the junior and senior classes.

# It Must be Something

Four years of hard work pays off for some dedicated seniors

**Eight semesters, nine dances, 84 or more basketball games, and tons of pep assemblies.** thousands of dumb arguments, millions of great times, and four years if trying to be the best. These are just some of the things students may go through in their for years of high school and one of the best things could be being nominated for Student of All Seasons.

Student of All Seasons is a hard thing. Need to have a 3.0 grade point average or above and be a good role model to fellow students along with showing teachers that you deserve it may be a hard task. To be nominated "I felt vey honored," said senior Sarah Stearns.

"I have always hoped to be nominated. It mattered to me because i wanted to be recognized," said Stearns.

"Being recognized is probably the best thing. I mean these people work hard and if the teachers picked these kids than they must be doing something right," said senior Brianna Glenn.

Many students may get recognized for the same things, for example students who play a sport, students who are in drama or even just because they are popular people. Maybe even the person that wins homecoming queen or king get voted on by the student body, but for this special event you'll get nominated by a teacher.

"That must say something about you," said senior Sean Williams. Student of All Seasons does not entitle a lot, but

"It entitles us to continue to show what a Hoover student should be," said Stearns.

"That is one of the cool things about Student of all Seasons, it lets the students work hard, have the dedication, and thrive to be the best get recognized for all their hard work," said senior Jodi Harding.

Right- Sophomores Joe Markey and Erika Tyler take a second to pose for a picture. Below- Sophomore Aaron Gottl and Mitch Stites show off their dress clothes as they take a picture.



All photos by Stephanie Mulstay

## he said



"I think winter formal is fun and the theme and colors don't matter as long as you have fun," - freshman

Jacob Bernhultz

## she said

"I think winter formal is fun and im glad i went and i had a great time. "  
- sophomore  
Andrea Callison



Left: Junior Shazif Bachelani and freshmen Haley Sehnicker and Jordan Taha goof off.

Right: Junior Emily Light, Jesse Sampson, Sophomore Sam Kyker, and Jessie Sampson's date from another school gather to listen to fellow students sing karaoke.



**"A fiery night of passion" is the theme for this year's winter formal. The colors are red black and orange.**

**"I think the theme this year is kind of corny," sophomore Andrea Callison said, "Even though the theme is corny, the colors are cool."**

**"I think the theme doesn't really matter. As long as you have a good time it doesn't matter," freshman Jacob Bernholtz said, "The colors are okay , I think they just help people pick out what they're wearing."**

**"The colors are hot but it I had to pick the colors I would pick blue, black, and white just because they're wintry," junior Patrick Williams said.**

**"To me the colors and the theme sucks. I say that because the colors and the theme should be something different," senior Stephanie Frazer said. "Winter formal to me is not worth going to because I am a senior and I am waiting for prom."**

**"All in all I think winter formal is worth going to because it gives you memories of high school," Williams said.**

# A Fiery Night of Passion

**Students heat up the dance floor with a night of sultry passion and sensual dancing.**

## minute by minute



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**Sophomores Dana Hall and Ashley Signs take a break from dancing. other activites included karaoke and enjoying the botanical gardens.**

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**Senior James Kaiser and junior Shelly Ward stop to take a picture on the way to the dance floor. the dance was held on Feb. 11.**

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**Sophomores Tysonda Millsap, Alkeisha Thomas and Lakiesha Pope pose for a photo.**

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**Thomas dances to the music.**

# Teachers Go Above and Beyond

## Can you see it?

Without you, Hoover would be nothing. You make Hoover what it is today and what it will be in the future. You grade our reports and worksheets and teach us everything from algebraic equations to the battles of the Civil War. Often times with no recognition or even a simple "thank you" you go above and beyond the job description. You are the ones who believed in us in the beginning and will continue to believe in us in the end, you are our role models, our friends, you are our teachers. Year after year you see students come and go but you stay. You stay to see another homecoming, another basketball season, another graduation. Can you see it?

Right-ELL teacher Janice Ochoa leads a class discussion.  
Bottom- Math teacher Barb Jaminson helps a student during a math class.



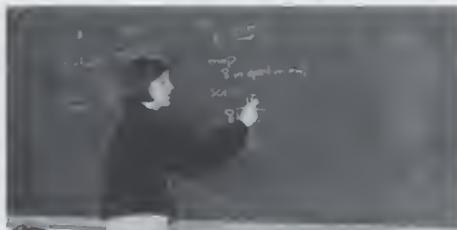
Top-Spanish and French teacher Beth Eilers checks student's papers. Eilers is the only French teacher in the school.

Left- Counseling office secretary Sue Kneller works on her computer. Kneller is the only secretary in the counseling office.

Top Left-Head football coach and social studies teacher Brian Tate talks to the football team. Tate is Hoover alumni and graduated in 1985.



Heart and Soul teacher Scott Rieker plays the piano for his fourth period Heart and Soul class. Rieker is also the Meredith chorus teacher.



Math teacher Laura Brincks writes equations on the chalkboard. This is Brincks first year teaching at Hoover.

Left-Senior and AP English teacher Nick Jackson plays his guitar at the student council sponsored event, Entertainment Tonight.

Bottom- Government and Economics teacher Steve Koch leads a class discussion. Koch is the longest teaching teacher at the school.



Top- Coach Jon Means instructs a gym class in the weight room. Means is the Urbandale track coach.

Left- Art and Photography teacher Pat Jensen-Bock grades artwork during class. Jensen-Bock along with her husband frequently tour Europe on their bicycles.



Top- Psychology teacher and Student Council sponsor Doug Wheeler leads a class discussion in his seventh period leadership class. This year Wheeler is going back to school to get his master's degree. Left- Art teacher Mirium Alhouse helps a student on an art project.



Julie Abels  
Mirium Alshouse  
Dana Andrews  
Kristine Aringdale  
Francis Boggus



Haywood Boston  
Laura Brincks  
Linda Brown  
Jimmie Cameron  
Barbara Campbell



Philip Carlson  
Ray Carrington  
Keresten Conn  
Connie Cook  
Jeni Courtney



Patricia Cusmano  
Terri Dessauer  
Eric Donhowe  
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Ann Grant  
Bradley Grier



Josh Griffith  
Eric Hall

English teacher Nick Jackson and Psychology teacher Doug Wheeler play their guitars at Entertainment Tonight. The student bands ZPS and Beside Nothing also played at this student council sponsored event.

Richard Hammen  
Linda Kay Hart  
David Hartman  
Charlene Hendryx  
Miriam Heuermann



Dennis Hildreth  
Sandra Hinkle  
Randall Hoepker  
Dale Howe  
Francine Jackman



Nicholas Jackson  
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Patricia Jenson-Bock  
Kirk Johnson  
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Carrie Kent



Government and Economics teacher Steve Koch leads a class discussion. Koch has become famous around Hoover for his graduation quote "May 26th, 2006, I'll be there, will you?"







Kerry Ketcham  
Chris Knee  
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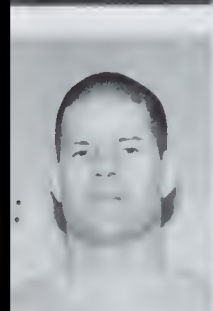
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Janiece Ochoa  
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Judith Renoux



Scott Rieker  
Dawnda Roney  
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Brian Tate  
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Wendy Turner  
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Penelope Weishaar  
Douglas Wheeler  
Anna Wolf



Charles Zanders  
Beth Zavala

English teacher Jon Rubino reads from a worksheet during one of his English classes.



# Beating the Buzzer

Can you feel it?

With the excitement of the game, hearts are racing. People in the stands are cheering crazily and they're cheering for you. With the kick of the ball, the sound of the buzzer, and the screams of the coach the game is on. You are the star. You are the action. Whether the team wins or loses you bring home that husky pride. Can you feel it?

Below- Incoming freshman swimmers take commands from upperclassman. Freshman initiation was held at Jade Heidt's house. Singing cheers is on of the few things freshman had to do for initiation.

Right- Freshman, Amien Earnest gets ready to serve the ball. This year there were 4 seniors on Varsity. Anna Moody was the onl freshman to make Varsity. Below- Senior Cassondra Boston gets an inbound pass from senior Laechia Conley. Varsity girls were conference champions.



Above- Junior Jacob Hestbech practices at the Hoover pool. Sseniors Alex Emley, Jaymes Kaiser and Scott Carrol and juniors Alan Thorsen and Mark Solinger went to state for boys swimming. Left- Varsity Cheerleaders senior Laura Hart, Caitli Betts, Stephanie Jacobson, and junior Jessica Perry cheer on the crowd at a home basketball game.





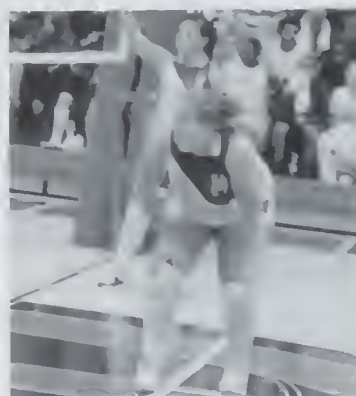
Right- Senior starter Raymond Miller puts the ball in the hoop to help the huskies race toward an undefeated season. They won the state championship.  
Left- A member of the bowling team hopes for a strike at a bowling practice. Practices were held every Tuesday and Thursday.



Left- Sophomore Ashley Signs gets ready to swim a race at a girls swim meet. Signs has been swimming at Hoover for two years.  
Below- Senior Laechia Conley tries to get an open spot under the basket during a home game. Conley was named to the second team all conference.



Above- Senior John Maahs looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to in a game against Ankeny. Maahs has been playing for Hoover for four years.  
Left- Senior Megan Skinner takes a quick break during a volleyball game against East. Skinner has been playing the sport since middle school.



Above- Senior Robby Mathews takes on a wrestler from Urbandale.  
Left- Players make their way off the field after another loss.



# keeping score

## Girls Varsity Volleyball Win 01 Loss 08

<b>VS</b> Newton	<b>0 3</b>
<b>VS</b> Valley	<b>0 3</b>
<b>VS</b> Mason City	<b>0 3</b>
<b>VS</b> Ottumwa	<b>0 3</b>
<b>VS</b> North	<b>0 3</b>
<b>VS</b> Lincoln	<b>3 2</b>
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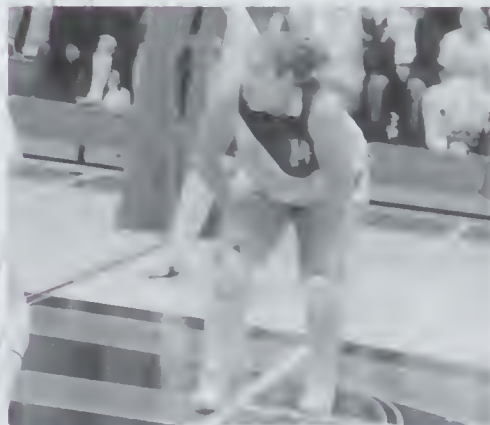
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I try to get people to come to games, and there are a few students who come a lot, but we mostly depend on our parents to cheer for us.”

– Senior Megan Skinner



Right: Junior Nyhak Duop bumps the ball over the net in a match against East. Duop plays volleyball to stay in shape for basketball.



Above: Senior starter Megan Skinner takes a momentary break between serves. Skinner has been playing volleyball since middle school.



Right: A member of the Sophomore team gets ready to serve during a game against East.

Junior Nyhak Duop reaches for the ball during a match at Home. Duop is a starter.



ryan young photo

# It's about unity

varsity struggles to find loyal support, find friendships instead

**A**s Gretchen Wilson's "Here For the Party" blared in the East Hlgh School gym, the girls varsity volleyball team got ready in the locker room preparing to give it all they've got.

In the gym, loyal East fans cheered on their team, waiting for the game to begin.

This scene is virtually nonexistent for Hoover. Despite team efforts, the girls have trouble building a student fan base.

"I try to get people to come to games and there are a few students that come a lot, but we mostly depend on our parents to cheer for us," senior Megan Skinner said.

"I think it's because we don't have a winning record and it's not such a mainstream sport like football is," sophomore Katie Lovan said.

Despite lack of fanbase, the team has really come together as a family. With activities like team dinners, a campout, and Saturday tournaments, the girls found unity.

"I feel like we know each other better and that makes it easier to play with each other," Skinner said. It is easy to see the comraderie among the players with all of the laughing and 'your mom' jokes floating around during warm-ups.

As for the lack of fans, the team isn't bothered by it. Junior Nyhak Duop is more concerned with her serves.

"It feels bad to mess up a serve. You just gave the team a point. Sometimes it comes down to the game winning point," she said.

As the girls head out onto the court it is clear that, for them, it isn't about the fans or whether they win or lose. It is simply about playing the game and tonight, they are here for the party.



The varsity team takes a time out to talk strategy during a match.

Ryan Young Photo



# Small Team Big Spirit

The football team shows what school spirit is all about

**They may be small,** but they've got spirit to fill the school.

"The team always goes into a game with a competing spirit, wanting to win," football coach Brian Tate said.

It's not just the team's spirit that's big.

"Having the school behind you makes it easier and gives us [the team] more confidence," senior Cory Orman said.

Orman, a varsity football player, said he gets his spirit through prayer, quiet time, and loud music. Most importantly, "I have to get everyone else pumped up," he said.

For Tate, simply the game of football gets him fired up. "Watching the team come together is an amazing thing," Tate said.

Freshman football player Casey Clark thinks the school has great spirit and, "their spirit gets us more excited to play the game."

Orman however, thinks the school's spirit could be better.

"More than half the school is negative, they say we suck," he said.

Tate said, "Hoover needs to have pride in going to Hoover in general. Not just sports and activities.

As for having a small team, Clark said, "there are no advantages. The same people play all the time."

Orman agrees. "We get man-handled and we get tired easily," he said.

Tate said even though it's a small team, "these kids stand out. 80 kids decided to do something and play a sport."

"Everyone should have school spirit because it's your home for four years. Make the best of what you got and put heart and soul into what you do," Tate said.



Showing true spirit on the field, the team gives it their all. The team lost against Marshalltown 46-7 on Friday September 23rd.



The football team poses for a team picture. While some show their game faces, others smile for the camera.



On the field, the men shows Roosevelt what they got. The boys lost the game 41-8 at Roosevelt on October 14th.



Seniors Devon Welch and Kyle Thies watch the games on the sidelines.



The boys prepare to start a play out on the field.



During a timeout on the field, the team discusses what to do next.



#### Senior

Jessica Vanderlinden

"Hearing the pep band at the games- that's what it's all about. That and seeing everyone in their hoover outfits and seeing all the green and gold."



#### Sophomore

Drew Foster

"Taking pride in school through thick no matter what."



#### Senior

Megan Miras

"School spirit is having faith in your school even at your lowest moments, always supporting them and always wearing your green and gold!"



# More than One

Dual sports help the boys cross country team improve

This is arguably the best year for the returning boys cross country team. One reason why could be because most of the boys on the team have been involved with dual sports for some time now. A dual sport is when a person is doing more than one sport all the time. Lots of boys this summer have played with each other to build their strength for the next season. Doing this not only helps you physically but also mentally. Cross country could be seen as a physical sport because you have to keep up your speed, and it could be seen as a mental sport because you have to concentrate on the distance you and not worry who is in front of you and you can not bring yourself down.

Football and basketball are probably the two most popular sports the boys on the team play year around.

"It helps you to build strength in your legs for next season, and your body won't get tired from all of the conditioning," said Sophomore Peter Schoneberg.

The most important thing about dual sport is that you have the ability to learn about team work and you can met new friends. You also get to learn how to take criticism, because it only can help you learn about yourself and your sport.

Sophomore Charles Zanders has been on the team for two years, and it has a big impact on him.

"Cross country has helped me bring up my speed for the basketball season it also helped me learn about teamwork," sais Zanders.

Sophomore Charles Zanders runs during a race in a cross country meet. Zanders also plays basketball.



Boys Cross Country team, back row: Scott Carroll, Ryan Fleming, Evan Eastman, Adam Bourland  
front row: Alex Emley, Patrick Murphy, Charles Zanders, Kenyon Murphy, and Drew Kline.



Seniors Drew Kline, Scott Carroll, and Sophomore Evan Eastman prepare for a race. Carroll is also on the boy's swim team and Eastman is a basketball player.



# Expanding The Love

*Girls Cross Country Expand Dramatically*

Cross Country is one of the most difficult sports. It takes both mental and physical endurance to run, and takes strong dedication and motivation for each girl to improve. The way that this team has expanded is by encouraging girls from the eighth grade to run for Hoover when they become freshmen.

Running in the cold is not the best part of cross country, but the girls got used to it. "It's really easy once you put your mind to it," said junior Allison Kirschbaum.

Cross Country is a sport that everyone gets involed and it's an easy sport to learn. The girls on the team discovered that it was kind of intimidating to get to know new people o the team their first season.

Before each race the team has to first do a half-hour warm up to get their

energy up to speed, and then move on to stretching. The worst part is the first couple of weeks of prattice when the girls had to rug in the hot steamy weather.

"The best part about being on the team is to encourage people to come and join, because it is a really fun sport," said Sophomore Kristian Wood. There are many ways for the girls to recruit new members. For example, Cross Country goes to meredith middle school and recruits girls for the team.

"I like to see their faces when we are the first one to go through the finish line," said Coach Scott Schoneberg. At the end when all the ladies are very excited that they have beat the other team, or just happy that they have the cource and the support from friends and family to cross the finish line.

"Cross Country is a fun sport and I would encourage girls to come and join," said



Two girls cross country runners finish a race.



Girls cross country team starts a race.



Left-Three Hoover cross country runner stretch and warm-up before they run.



Above- Girls Cross Country team



Front row: Emily Louis, Kendra Harding, Leslie Millard, Amy Kospaska  
 Row 2: Shelly Ward, Stephanie Leinen, Angela Long, Krista Kent

Back Row: Beeky Ward, Jennifer Stites, Eden Stokka, Ashley Signs, Kilie Good, Becca Leffler



Above- Freshman Jordan Taha and Haley Schnicker clap while they sing in front of the school.

Below- Taha gets ready before she swims against Dowling High School and Valley High School

What do you enjoy most about swimming?

"I enjoy pretty much everything about swimming just because its one of thoes sports that you have to be really really dedicated to enjoy and I love swimming. I started swimming my freshmen year and I just love it. It's one of thoes sports thats really tough but you got to really like it and I really like the social part of it and how we're such a close team."

-Senior Jade Heidt



# It's Bananas!

B-A-N-A-N-A-S, the girls swim team goes bananas during freshman initiation.

It is not fun and games for everyone though. "I sucks for sophomores, juniors and seniors because we have to get up early, other than that it is fun," Rooney said.

Freshmen initiation is just part of the girls swim team. There is a lot of dedication to the team from everybody. They give up their mornings and evenings to practice. They also spend time on the weekends and during the summer to practice for the upcoming year.

Swimming is "like a cult," Rooney said. "We're together a lot, were like one big happy family."

A lot of time, commitment, and embarrassment is part of becoming a swimmer. "it's hard to go through but once you do you're a part of the team," Gamble said.

Every year the freshmen girls on the swim team go through the same embarrassment. Initiation consists of being kidnapped, dressed up and humiliated. "They picked me up at 4 in the morning," freshman Chole Gamble said, "I couldn't even brush my teeth."

Upperclassmen made the freshmen push pennies down the hall with their nose, play leap frog, sing songs, do cheers, wear their pajamas to school and did their hair all crazy. "it was great!" freshman Haley Schnicker said.

Some freshmen aren't too thrilled about the idea of initiation but they deal with it. "I wish they wouldn't do it but everyone has to do it, it's just something that happens to freshman," Gamble said.

"They didn't have it as bad as we did when I was a freshman," they dressed us up in old dance costumes, put make - up all over our faces, gave us mustaches and unbrows, the seniors made shirts for us that said 'I love seniors,' and they made us direct traffic in the Hoover parking lot," Junior Kendra Harding said.

"We just tag long," Sophomore Kaitlyn Rooney said.

## minute by minute

Photo by Liz Howett



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Photo by Anita Ieveke

- 1 **Freshman** Jordan Taha rubs her eyes after getting kidnapped at 4 am. Taha has been swimming for 5 years.
- 2 **Freshman** Chloe Gamble, Jordan Taha, and Haley Schnicker push pennies across the student center floor. Initiation was held on September 8.
- 3 **Schnicker** and Taha play leap frog on the front lawn. Schnicker said that it was "great."
- 4 **The Hoover Marlins** go bananas as they cheer before their meet.



# There is no "I" in team

## Golfers know what it takes to be successful

At the golf course there are no stands, no cheering fans, and very little recognition the next day for making a good putt. Boys on the golf team may not be well known for their skills, but that's not why they play.

"I love playing. The guys on the team are great and so is the sport," said senior Timmy Jaynes.

Though golf is primarily a single sport, every member of the team has to do well for group competitions. The team managed to have a very successful season, only missing the state tournament by one stroke.

"Coach Lundholm is a good coach. He's been doing this a long time, and he knows his golf," said senior Jack Newman.

Though the team didn't make it to state, Newman did. He won the 4A state championship.



Senior Jack Newman putts a hole during the state championship.

What is a birdie?

One stroke under par for a hole. Also possibly derived from the term "it flew like a bird" to indicate a good shot. Source: [www.worldgolf.com](http://www.worldgolf.com)

"I love playing. The guys on the team are great and so is the sport."

-Senior Timmy Jaynes

Senior Timmy Jaynes swings his club before driving the ball down the course.





Senior Jack Newman gets ready drive the ball off the tee at Waveland Golf Course in Des Moines. Newman is an avid golfer and won the state championship this year.

## State Champion

Senior Jack Newman, 18, won the 2005 4A State Golf Championship on Saturday October 8, 2005. Newman has been an avid golfer for 12 years. Newman won the 2005 Iowa Junior Tour Championship. He was the low amateur in Long Meadow, Massachusetts. Newman's future plans are to attend Michigan State University on a golf scholarship.

Source: Hoover High School Website



Photo by Kate Buckley



Photo by Christa Smith



Photo by Kate Buckley

Left- Boys Golf team photo

Senior Timmy Jaynes takes a break during a golf practice.



# D-R-A-M-A

Give me a D, give me a  
R, give me an A-M-A

Front row: Nicole Evans,  
Jessica Perry.  
Row 2: Laura Hart, Cait-  
lin Betts  
Row 3: Kendra Harding,  
Akilah Jackson-Rushing,  
Kari Gladson.  
Back Row: Stephanie Ja-  
cobson, Kate Buckley



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Sharena Curry



Samantha Johnson, Haley  
Schnicker, and Chloë  
Gamble

Not Pictured: Sami Rickie



**"We're goin to cheer, cheer for Hoover high," the cheerleaders sing. This is exactaly what they do.**

Hoover cheerleaders cheer for football, basketball, and soccer. Not to mention the practices and pep rallies.

Senior Laura Hart started cheering her freshman year. "I wanted to be out there and pep up the crowd," she said.

Now Hart is a senior and is still cheering but it's hard to be as committed. "It's hard my senior year because I'm leaving in six months, but i still really like it," Hart said.

"We cheer about thirteen hours a week," Freshman Sami Rickie said.

"We are the only shcool that practices over the summer," Head Coach Andrea Eustice said.

Cheerleading in many ways is like a big family. They have love for each other and live for one another. "We fight like sisters fight," Rickie said.

All the practice and fighting can interfere with school. "I care more about (cheerleading) than I do about schoool," Rickie said.

With the girls comes the drama. "I hate the drama, we fight so much and I hate it, but we get along really well too," Hart said.

"People talk a lot of crap" it's "Kind of annoying," junior Sherna Curry said.

Being a head coach for 20 high school girls can't be that easy. "Everyone has their days," Eustice said.

Typically the cheers are 'corny' as described. What students don't see is the time and commitment they put into their cheers.

"I hate it when people make fun of our dances. We work hard and people always make fun of them," Hart said.



The varsity cheerleaders do spirit fingers to help the boys basketball team make a freethrow. This year the cheerleaders have to turn in assignments to their coach in order to cheer.



Sophomores Anya Peter, Laura Mwirich, and freshman Haley Schnicker wait to catch sophomore Leslie Millard as they practice their stunting.

## he said



"I think they (cheerleaders) need to work on their cheers but they got spirit."

- Freshman, John Freeman

## she said



"They(the cheerleaders) dont just say them(cheers) to just say they say them and make them make sense."

Without the cheerleaders, the student section wouldnt be as school spirited."

-Junior Dawn Gaule



Senior, Kate Buckley and sophomore Leslie Millard (left) stretch at practice before their big game against Lincoln. The cheerleaders helped cheer them to victory.



Junior Kari Gladson (right) cheers for the husky basketball players. Hoover beat Roosevelt 58-53.



# Every Team's Dream

**The last time** a Des Moines Public School won a Boys State Basketball tournament it was 1978. Almost 40 years later, the huskies brought it home for Des Moines.

"Last year at this time we were back in the gym. We had baby goals, but we had one big goal, and this was it. It's a beautiful feeling," said senior DeAnthony Zanders.

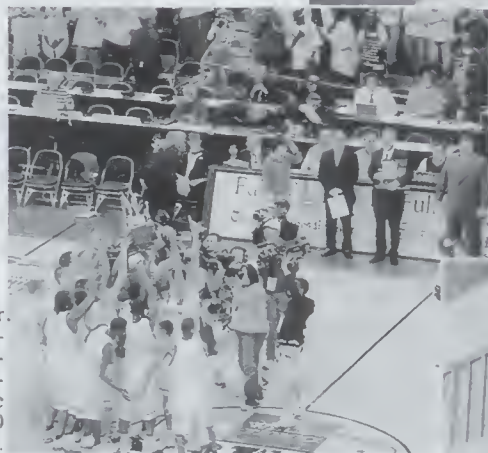
Zanders and the rest of the team made their mark in state basketball history by not only being the first Hoover team to win a championship, but by doing so with a perfect season, finishing 26-0.

"Nine times of not getting it done and to finally get it done in this way, is awesome," said Head Coach Charles Zanders.

The excitement was shared throughout the whole team. "I just love them. We have such a kinship that goes beyond a coach-player relationship," Zanders said.

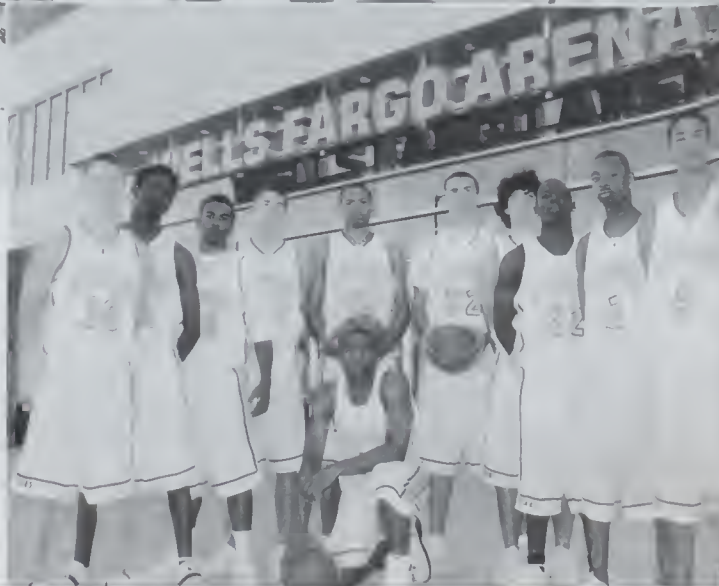
"It's a great feeling," said senior John Maahs, "It's just amazing."

Coach Charles Zanders takes a timeout to give a mid-game pep talk. This is Zanders' third year as head coach.



Right- Varsity holds their trophy up high after winning the state championship game against Pleasant Valley, finishing the season with a perfect 26-0 record.

The undefeated Varsity basketball team.





Left- Senior Joe Muldoon looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to at a home game. Muldoon has been playing for Hoover for four years.

Below Left- Seniors David Bicket, Ryan Young, and Danny Gooding show their school spirit as they argue a bad call.



Senior Damir Dzafic gets ready for the rebound during a home game. Dzafic was a starter.

## keeping score

### Varsity Basketball Win 26 Loss 0

<b>vs</b> Indianola	<b>57</b> 46
<b>vs</b> Fort Dodge	<b>57</b> 48
<b>vs</b> North	<b>67</b> 36
<b>vs</b> Johnston	<b>67</b> 53
<b>vs</b> Lincoln	<b>66</b> 45
<b>vs</b> SE Polk	<b>59</b> 39
<b>vs</b> Valley	<b>58</b> 51
<b>vs</b> East	<b>60</b> 46
<b>vs</b> Roosevelt	<b>58</b> 53
<b>vs</b> Ankeny	<b>54</b> 37
<b>vs</b> Waterloo East	<b>52</b> 47
<b>vs</b> Mason City	<b>70</b> 61
<b>vs</b> Dowling	<b>59</b> 52
<b>vs</b> Marshalltown	<b>73</b> 48
<b>vs</b> Ames	<b>48</b> 43
<b>vs</b> Waukee	<b>61</b> 37
<b>vs</b> Urbandale	<b>48</b> 45



Lacchia Conley going up for a layup against a Fort Dodge player on December 6, 2005

# keeping score

## Hoover Lady Huskies? Win 16 Loss 07

VS Dowling Catholic	49-50 L
VS Marshalltown	62-65 L
VS Newton	65-52 W
VS Indianola	47-29 W
VS Ames	50-53 L
VS Fort Dodge	58-38 W
VS Des Moines North	64-28 W
VS Johnston	58-51 W
VS Des Moines Lincoln	62-56 W
VS Southeast Polk	50-24 W
VS West Des Moines Valley	52-61 L
VS Des Moines East	51-37 W
VS Ottumwa	43-27 W
VS Des Moines Roosevelt	49-42 W
VS Ankeny	51-39 W
VS Des Moines North	54-24 W
VS Des Moines Lincoln	49-64 L
VS Des Moines East	45-43 W
VS Ottumwa	38-27 W
VS Mason City	34-24 W
VS Des Moines Roosevelt	33-38 L
VS Urbandale	39-27 W
VS Des Moines Roosevelt	35-41 L

The team joins in a pre-game huddle before a home game. The huddle has become tradition before every game played.



Senior Lacchia Conley makes a screen while Cassandra Boston dribbles to the basket to score during a game against Fort Dodge. The team ended up winning the game.



# Call 911

## Because our game is sick

Cassondra Boston Dribbles the ball up the court as she looks for an open teammate. Boston was named Iowa's player of the year.



Going to state. Everyone knows that's on the girls varsity basketball team's mind and one of their number one priorities. "The last time we went to state was in 2004 a big year for the basketball team and even for Hoover high" said Senior Kelsey Jones. If you ask around, most people know what the girls' goal is this year: to make it to state. It's a question everyone has on their mind A question everyone wants an answer to.

"We want to go to state because this is our last year and we want to make it back" said senior Cassondra Boston. If you have read the poster, "Call 911 because our game is sick," then you would know that the girls basketball team is ready, determined and trying to take all. "The poster just means get ready for us we want it, we're ready. We're determined to go to state, and we're going to be the best so watch out" said junior Jazmyn Hutchings. The girls have been practicing a lot. "We practice everyday and on our own" sophomore Andrea Jones said. "We play how we practice, we practice good, we play good,

we practice sloppy, we play sloppy" said Jones.

"We have to work hard, be in the best shape because we are short as a team all together" said Hutchings.

A lot of the reason the whole team wants to go to state is that "we want to send our seniors out with a bang" said Jones.

"Going to state is very important to us for the fact that we are seniors and it's our last year and by us going to state will make everything pretty worthwhile" said senior Lacieha Conley. The team is excited for the basketball season. "It may be a tough year just for the fact that we have a tough conference: Our conference has height, something that we don't", said Jones. "The competition that I think we have is Roosevelt because there just a good team and a lot of competition, also Dowling because of the fact they beat us last year to go to state" said Hutchings.

The girls are determined. "I know that if we work hard and practice well, I know we can do good, and me doing my part as a leader" said Conley. "One thing that gets us pumped is our student section, hearing them cheering for us just makes us want to go out and do everything in our power to take the win" said Conley.

Senior Lacieha Conley fights for position with a Fort Dodge player while Andrea Jones watches. Conley has been playing for Hoover for three years.



The lady huskies varsity team. Front row: Charisse Brown, Chardae King, Mi Penton, Tiffany Guerrero. Second Row: Ashley Kitchen, Andrea Jones, Katie Zenz. Back row: Jazmyn Hutchings, Nyahok Duop, coach Haywood Boston, Lacieha Conley and Cassondra Boston





# Winners Make it Happen

The boys swim team wakes up every day during the week not to go to school but to go to practice. Their practices during the week go from 3:15 to 5:30. "It's a lot of hard work," junior Mark Solinger said.

After all the hard work of practices and meets, the team does some team bonding. We went paintballing once," senior Jaymes Kaiser Said.

"After every meet we go to dinner," Solinger said.

"My favorite part of swimming is when we're at the meets and all the hard work pays off," Kaiser said.

One of the team goals this year is to send as many swimmers to state as possible.

"Being in the water and the competition is a lot of hard work but it's a lot of fun too. Come join us and you'll see," Solinger said.

Junior Alan Thorsen sits and waits to race at the state meet. Several swimmers qualified for the state meet.



Right- Matt Owen  
Warms up his  
legs. The swim team  
warms up about 20  
minutes before the  
meet.



“Going to practices and the competition is a lot of hardwork but it's also a lot of fun!!!

-Junior Mark Solinger



Below- Junior Mark Solinger practices the butterfly. Far Below- Senior Scott Carrol, Junior Alan Thorson, Sophomore Chase Anderson, And Mark Solinger wait at the podium for their third place metal at the district swim meet.



Below left- Junior Alan Thorsen Stretches Junior Mark Solinger before the race at districts. Below Right- Freshman Ben Lockin does the drills at practice. Above left- Coach Anita Leveke and cheer on the swimmers during the race. Above right- Sophomore Chase Anderson gets ready to race the back stroke.



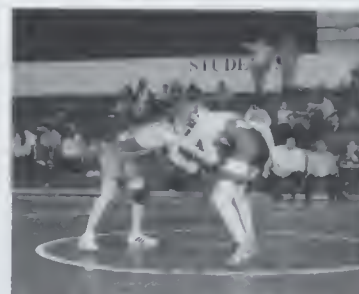


The Hoover-North line up (left) watch an intense match.

Junior Stephen Sengbusch (below) tackles a Johnston wrestler on the middle of the mat at North.



Sengbusch wrestles a Johnston High School Wrestler at North. There was a nice turnout for this match.



North wrestler Justin Sands prepares to wrestle a Johnston wrestler.

What's your most memorable moment and thing you can't forget?

"My first win ever during freshman year."

**-Senior Robbie Mathews**

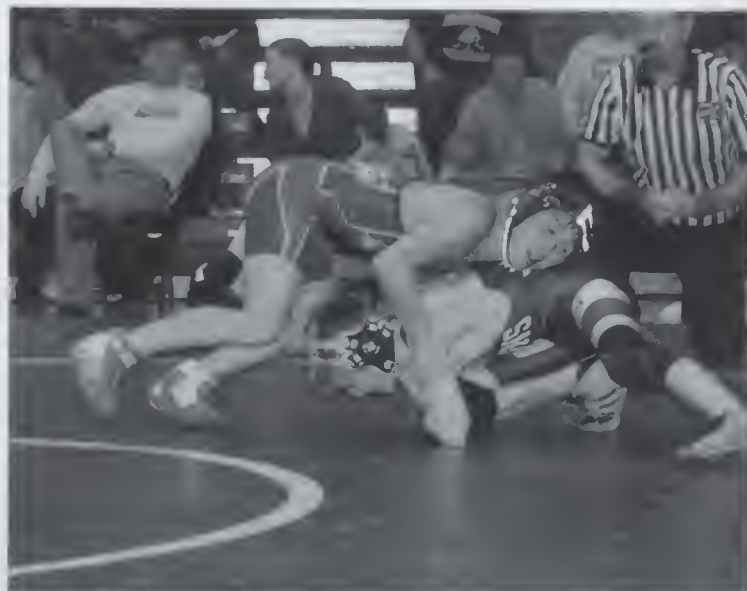
"When we won the conference and how much work and dedication was put in."

**-Junior Stephen Sengbusch**

"When I placed first in a JV tournament at Saydel and when I mouthed off to the coach and then had to wrestle him later"

**-Sophomore Jacob Jacobi**

Junior Kenyon Murphy takes on a Johnston High School wrestler. Murphy has been on the team for three years.



# Take it to ● the Mat!

Behind the mat on Hoover wrestlers

**T**here are many feelings wrestlers get being on the mat, hearing the crowd, and facing their opponent.

"The feeling is exciting, but it's scary also. The worst thing that could happen is getting injured," sophomore Jacob Jacobi said.

"It feels great (being on the mat) because everyone is watching and I'm the center of attention," senior Robert Mathews said.

There's not much heard from the wrestling team. That's because North and Hoover have combined into one wrestling team. Now the practices and meets are at North High School.

"Hoover didn't have many kids going out for wrestling. Our place is too small and North has everything," Jacobi said.

"I think (North and Hoover combining) is good, because if we didn't there wouldn't be enough to participate and support the program," junior Stephen Sengbusch said.

With little recognition and participation, students still commit, put in much effort, join the team and just wrestle.

"We put in 110%," Mathews said.

"People should come and support the North-Hoover wrestling team," Sengbusch said.

## match by match



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4



Murphy gets an Urbandale wrestler on the mat.

**1** Freshman Mark Sayles gets a Johnston High School wrestler on the ground.

**2** Senior Robbie Mathews pins an Urbandale wrestler down.

**3** Sayles takes down a Johnston wrestler, showing his Husky pride for the team.

**4** Sands holds down a Johnston wrestler. Aretie Fusion has been "fused" since the 2003 season.





Sophomore Lakiesha Pope gracefully releases the ball down the lane. The bowling team practices every Tuesday and Thursday at Plaza Lanes.



Junior Tim Bales says bowling practices are more fun than games. "At practices, we have more fun, we get to talk more and it's more relaxing and we still get to bowl."

“Bowling is a sport. They (the team) use their muscles and their brains. They work hard and they work well together. And they're good.”  
-Coach Steve Lundholm



Junior Brandon Drake rolls a strike. Drake has been on the team for three years but has been bowling for "a long time."



A Hoover bowler practices at Plaza Lanes. He rolled a spare on this throw.



## Do You Have What it Takes?

Bowling requires muscles, intelligence, and strength

**Q** What is new with bowling this year?

There are tons of scholarships, and even ones for girls. Bowling being a varsity sport is new all together. It's gradually taking over new states every year, and it's fairly new in Iowa."  
-Junior Charlee Banghart

**Their feet slide up to the line.** Their arm reaches back and they let go of the ball. The ball smoothly rolls down the lane and ends with a crash of thunder.

Bowling is not a club, but a varsity sport. It has been a varsity sport in high schools for only a few years, but it's already progressing. "They already have scholarships, and this year they have one just for girls, so that's pretty new," junior Charlee Banghart said.

"Bowling as a varsity sport is still pretty new," bowling coach Steve Lundholm said. "But it's becoming more and more popular."

People seem to have trouble differentiating bowling as a club or a sport. "People could see (bowling) as a club and we have the opportunity to talk to each other, but we also work like a sport because it's physical and we do use a lot of our muscles," junior Brandon Drake said. "We use leg muscles to properly walk up to the line., and we use our arm muscles to support and throw the ball, and our brains to tell us where to throw the ball," he said.



# Underclassmen take the challenge

## Can you handle it?

You come here from different schools, maybe even different states to start your journey of high school. You will encounter many experiences while at Hoover. You will go to class, maybe even skip a few, cheer at the Friday night games, and try to beat the seniors for the spirit stick at pep assemblies. You will have test after test, quiz after quiz, and pull all-nighters for that final in math. You will laugh, you will cry, and you might feel like you will never get out of Hoover, but for three years you will work hard for that final step, senior year and graduation. Can you handle it?

Bottom- Junior Emily Lewis receives an award from the Des Moines Fire Department for her efforts in rescuing a sixth grader from the pool. Lewis and five other students were honored during the Student of All Seasons assembly.



Top- Some juniors watch from the sidelines during the powderpuff game. The juniors lost to the seniors 12-6.

Left- Junior Shelley Ward and Freshman Kylie Good participate in a swim team building exercise.

Top Left- Sophomore Jasmine Hayes listens in on a class discussion and takes notes.

Top Far Right- Junior Troy Strom participates in a pillow race at a pep assembly against four students from each of the other grades. The race was a relay race and the objective was to have each of your team members run out to the middle of the floor, take the pillow out of the pillowcase and then back in. The students seemed to have a little trouble with this race, and it was proved it was harder than it looked.



Far Left- Junior Casey Rooker works as a host at Bennigan's. Left- Four underclassmen play video games at the second annual Entertainment Tonight. Bottom- Meredith gym teacher Melissa Brinkman, Juniors Jayne Leveke, Emily Lewis, Jake Hestbech, Mark Solinger, and Kendra Harding recieve an award from the Des Moines Fire Department.



Top- Junior Kendra Harding stretches before cheerleading practice. Harding is a basketball cheerleader. Left- Sophomore Tiffany Burkmire works on math homework in class.



Top- Sophomore Stephen Crane cheers for the live bands at Entertainment Tonight. The two student bands that played were ZPS and Beside Nothing. Left- Junior Kelsey Pinnegar eats dinner at the GSA Thanksgiving dinner that was held at a youth homeless shelter in Des Moines.







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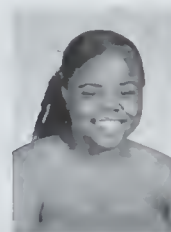
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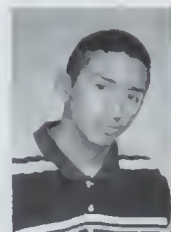
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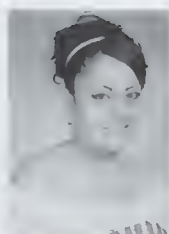


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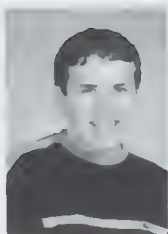
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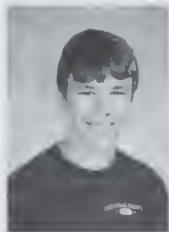
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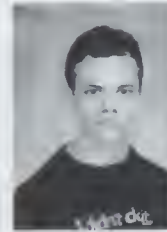
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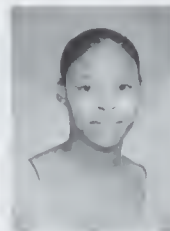
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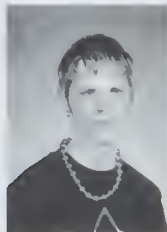
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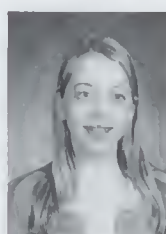
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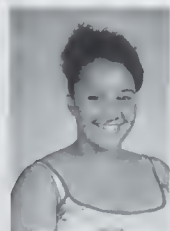
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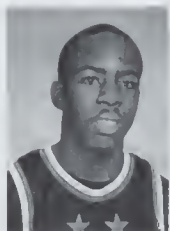
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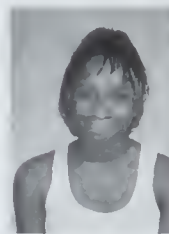
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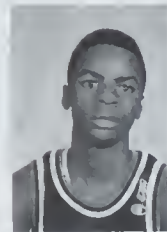
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# Academics is the key

## Can you do it?

You race through the crowded hallways juggling all your books trying to make it to class on time. You sit down in your seat for the 49 minutes of class. Some classes you love, some not so much, but you know you got to do it. From the experiments in chemistry, to the essays in English, it is the reason you are here. You are here to learn and to get prepared for whatever the future may hold, whether it be college, a job, or anything else you aspire to, these classes will help you prepare for whatever life throws your way. Can you do it?

Senior Joe Muldoon and Alma Cocic do an activity for their student council leadership class in the student center. Muldoon is the student body president and Cocic is the student body secretary



Right- Senior Shaneice Thomas works on her computer during her desktop publishing class.

Bottom- Sophomore Carlinda Hedrick does stability ball exercises in her gym class.



Top-Students in Dawnda Roney's fourth hour geometry class work on homework. Left- Jon Means talks to one of his gym classes about weight lifting.



Senior Travis Brown listens in on a class discussion during Nick Jakson's 6th period senior English class.





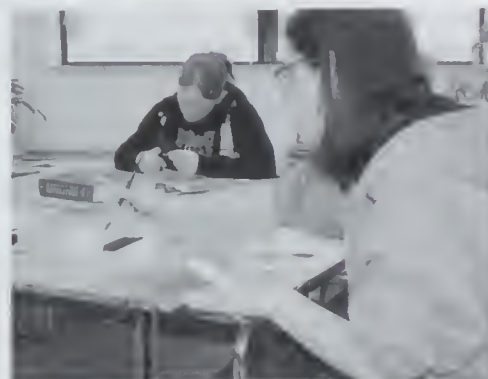
Left- Junior Kacy Messerschmidt plays percussion instruments in his first period band class. Bottom- Sophomore Aaron Glynn replaces his strings on his violin during his first period orchestra class.



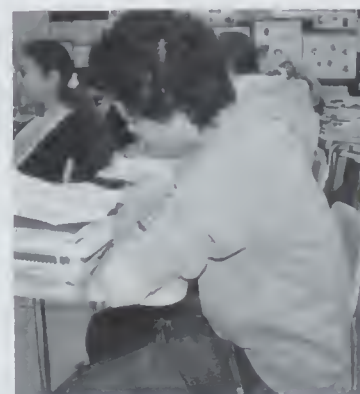
Students in Dawnda Roney's math class work on some worksheets.



Bottom- Sophomore Dana Hall works on her pages in her fourth period yearbook class. This is Hall's first year on staff.



Top- Juniors Kellen Sanders and Charlee Banghart work on their photo albums in their photography two class. Left- A student w



Top- Students show their work on the board for their math class. Left- Sophomores Debbie Caldwell and Chane Brooks practice some of their songs in their heart and soul choir class.



# The Last Year

Photography may be a thing of the past

Right: Mirium Alshouse helps students during an art class her students with their latest assignment.



Right: Sophomore Rocio Conzalez and freshman Emily Hansen work on their drawings for Mirium Alshouse's Art 2 class.



Right: Freshman Brandon Vangundy works on his project for his period art 2 class.



**Taking pictures**, having fun and doing something you like is why many people get involved in photography and art. Why are photography and art classes that people want to take? "I like taking pictures and doing it professionally," said junior Kalina Overton.

"I like taking and being in pictures," said junior Stevi Hellickson.

"I like that you can go back and see the things you did in the past," said senior Brinna Glenn. There are so many students in photography, and students enjoy the class. The photography program may become a thing of the past because of budget cuts. The photography program has been around Hoover since the 1980s, but now it could be in jeopardy. It could happen for the future generation of Hoover students.

"There are not many extra curricular activities that people like but I know a lot of people enjoy photograph," said senior De Anthoney Zanders.





Right: Mirium Alshouse helps freshman Emily Hansen in class with her drawing. This is Alshouse's first year at Hoover.

## Photography projects



- Step 1: Decorate the paste paper for the cover of your album.
- Step 2: Pick a photo for the cover
- Step 3: Cut a hole big enough to place the photo on the cover and paste it on the inside cover. Make the hole about half an inch smaller than the photo.
- Step 4: place more paper on the inside of the book to place more photos.
- Step 5: Drill two holes on the side for the binding of the book.
- Step 6: glue fabric onto the binding of the book to cover up the cardboard.
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Above: Sophomore Admir Sulic works on his upcoming project in his Art 2 class.

Left: Senior Jessie Vander Linden places her photo in her picture frame in her fourth hour photography class.  
Right: Senior Trevor Adams and Pat Jensen-Bock go over one of Adams' photos for his fourth hour photo class.





# Regular vs. Advanced

## Are you determined enough?

**Freshman year you decided if you wanted to take regular or advanced English. Senior Monica Walker decided to take regular English because advanced "sounds way harder."**

**"Advanced English had to write a 6-10 page paper and regular only had to write a 2-3 page paper. It's a lot easier," said Walker.**

**Sophomore Jesse Benson thinks that in advanced there are "more intelligent people and the conversations are more rewarding."**

**You get "more feedback (in advanced) , discussions are more open minded compared to regular english," Benson said.**

**Incoming freshmen are now required to have four years of English, compared to the three year requirement it use to be.**

**"Regular English helped me learn to write better, and in advanced you write a lot. I wanted to write better so i could do good," freshman Brian Drake said.**

**Students like Drake don't enjoy English, but others like Benson enjoy it and it's a possible career for her.**



Right: Senior Erica Moore examines her grade for Nick Jackson's Senior English class.

Below: Senior Chastity Butts listens to Nick Jackson's lecture in class.



Above- Senior Chastity Butts listens closely to Nick Jackson's lecture in her sixth hour English class.



Right- Students in Catie Miller English 9 class are taking notes on how to compose an essay.



Left- Freshman Chris Neal works on an essay in Cattie Miller's fourth hour English class.

Below right- Seniors Dan Pettorini, Almina Letic, and Edin Vrtagic work in a group in Nick Jackson's sixth hour class.

Below Left- Senior Shanae Thomas looks over her grade in her Senior English class.



Elerick Vazquez

Freshman

"I like Ms. Shiek. She is funny and I like the way she teaches."



Abby Van Der Beek

Freshman

"I go to central, so I dont know how the English classes at Hoover are but I'm guessing they're not as hard as Central's."



Jason Homard

Junior

"I have gotten to understand what we're doing and in detail and what the authors do and the meaning of stories."



Sophomore Nikki Kemp works out a math problems on the chalk board in Dawnda Roney's second hour class.



## E=MC<sup>2</sup>

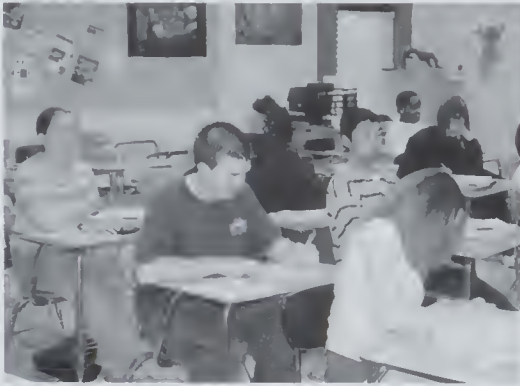
E=MC<sup>2</sup> is  $E = mc^2$  is  $m \times \{ \text{Energy} \} = m \times \{ \text{mass} \}, \text{ times, } m \times \{ (\text{speed of light}) \}^2$ .

This theory is a physical equation, first given by

ALbert Einstein in his 1905 paper "does the Inertia of a Body Depend Upon Its Energy Content?". It is the relationship between energy and mass. Basically according to the equation, the total amount of energy obtainable from an object is equivalent to thje speed of light.

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Right- Mrs Brinks second period class works hard to get there work done



Left: Sophomore Tiffany Burkmire works on her bookwork in Ms. Roney's fourth hour math class.



Right: Sophomore Stephon James works hard on a class room assignment.



# Middle School

## Braniacs

Kevin Parker writes some math problems on the board for the class to work on. Math grades are based on homework completion and test scores.



Classes are filled with gifted and advanced students. In any given classroom you can find high school kids taking college, advanced, and upper-classmen classes.

If you look a little closer, however, you might notice that some of these students look a little younger than the average freshman. That's because some of the most gifted math students in the building actually come from Meredith.

The brainiac students come down everyday to take high school math courses because they've already taken all the courses at Meredith, or the ones offered there are just too easy.

"A lot of kids in class aske me for help on homework," said seventh grader Ian Pierson, "I have and A in the class."

Pierson has been taking advanced math classes since the fifth grade and isn't very intimidated by coming to

Hoover for class. "I can really get ahead. college classes are a lot cheaper if you take them in high school," said Pierson.

Eighth grader Amber Anderson says that taking an advanced math class will help in the future. "Sometimes it takes a lot of effort becuae there can be a lot of homework but it is really going to help me in college," she said.



A Sophomore in Dawnda Roney's fourth period class helps another student.



Sophomore Alaina Andorf in Dawnda Roney's fourth period math class.



# New classes

## Biology 2 now offered

### What Illness am I?

1 Symptoms: Fever, Headach, Sore throat, and Runny or stuffy nose.

(A) Mononucleosis (B) Influenza (C) Gonorrhea

2 Symptoms: sleepy, anxious to leave class, skip SSR, and ready to leave high school.

(A) influenza (B) senioritis (C) Mononucleosis

3 Symptoms: Swollen Lymph Glands, Fever, Sore Throat and Swollen spleen.

(A) Gonorrhea (B) Influenza (C) Mononucleosis

Due to the budget cuts last year classes were cut. Biology two was one of those classes not offered. There were not enough students signed up to take the class.

According to Trevor Adams and Elyse Sinklier the class isn't that hard. Biology two can be an alternative to taking chemistry.

"I wanted to get the right amount of science classes in and I liked biology two better than chemistry," said Sinklier.

Sinklier has Biology two with Mr. Hall first period. Sinklier says her class is pretty full. This is surprising seeing how last year there weren't enough students to even have the class.

Biology two is not a class where students sit there and listen to the teacher lecture day after day. "We do labs about once a week," said Adams. "There is a lot of hands on work in the labs."

There isn't too much homework in the class either. "Usually he [Mr. Hall] doesn't give us very much homework," said Adams.

Sinklier said that most of the work is class work. "If we do have homework it takes about twenty minutes to do," said Sinklier.

Right now Mr. Hall's Biology two classes are transferring bacteria and looking at it under a microscope according to Sinklier.

"Later this year we get to dissect a cat," said Sinklier.

"I don't plan on doing anything in the future with biology as a career but this class will help me get farther ahead in college," said Adams.

"The reason why I like teaching this class is because the kids in here want to be here and that makes my job so much easier."

Teacher Eric Hall



Right-Junior Matthew Henry writes down his observations while Junior Dan Tasler gives some input on the observations.



Above- Senior Megan Skinner examines the Gram stained bacteria through the microscope in Mr. Hall's second period class.

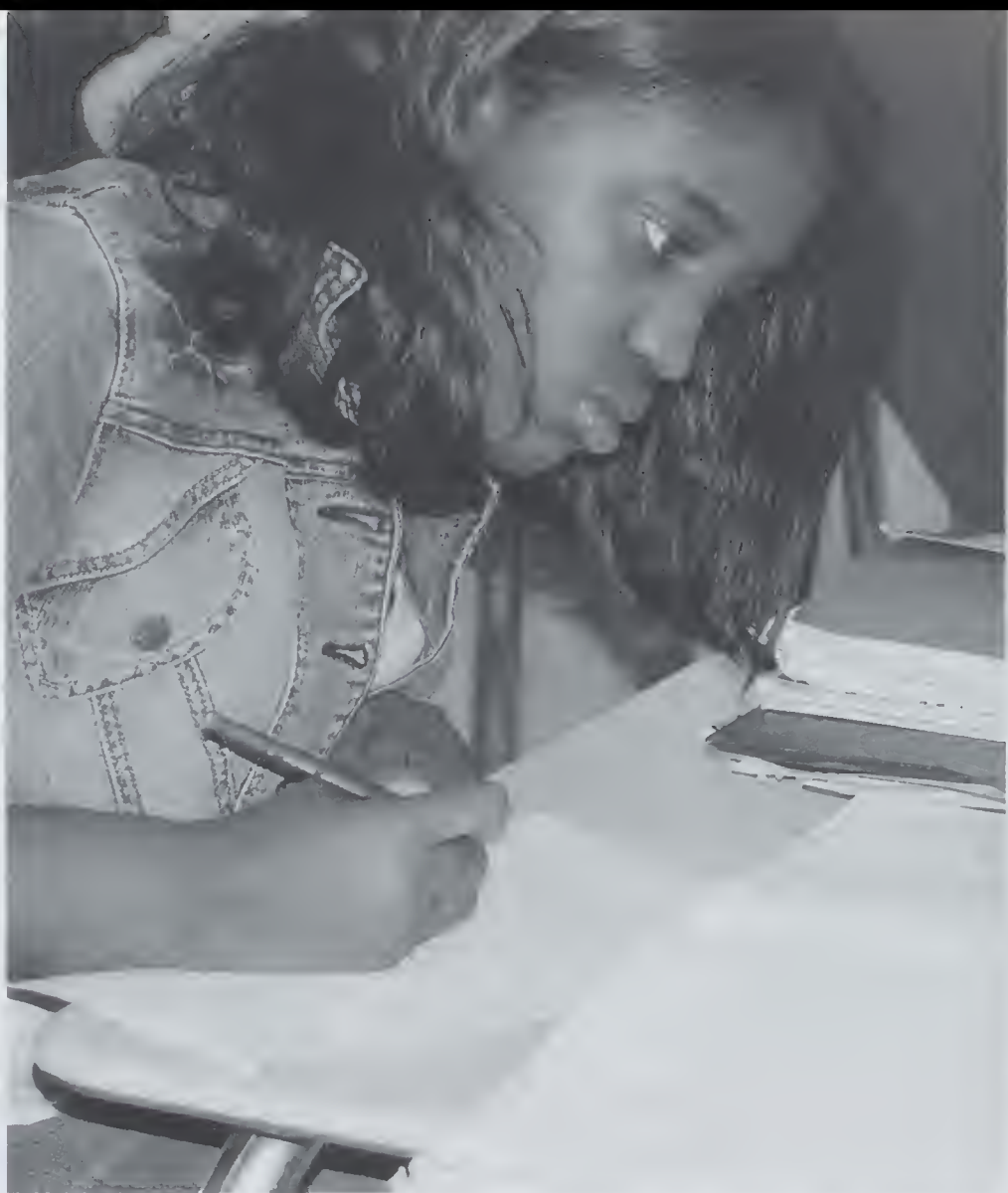
Right- Junior Jacqueline Pauk and Senior Trevor Adams look through the microscope and record their observations.

Bottom Left- Senior Ashley Markowski writes down her observations of the Gram stained bacteria.





Below- Senior Jodi Harding reads during Steve Koch's government class. Right- Senior Niema Peake does her work from the book.



Did you know?...

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During the Civil War the president was Abraham Lincoln. The Civil War was one of the greatest war in American history. Three million fought and 600,000 died. It was the only war ever fought on American soil and lasted from 1861-1865.

Sophomores Irma Vetres and Tanner Heintz work on their project during Brian Tate's world history class.



# History...

Boring or not boring?  
That is the question

Snore, snore, bore, bore, that's what most people think when they think about history. Well some may think they are wrong!

Every year there is a trip to Washington D.C. that the school holds for students in grades 10-12. Sorry no freshman allowed!

Although it costs around \$1,500 to go on the trip it pays for the hotel fee, plane tickets, bus fair and food.

"It was a lot of fun! I got to see and learn a lot and I got to meet a lot of people from all different states around the

country," Junior Kalina Overton said. "We got stay at the Hilton, they were really nice," Junior Kirk Trimble said.

The trip lasts for about two weeks. The past few years government and economics teacher Steve Koch has been the mentor for the trip but this year American history teacher Max Duvall took the students.

"We sot to see monument, toured sites, had to work in work shops, we learned about the government and what they do and then we went to the capitol," Overton said. "My favorite was seeing the Lincoln Memorial," Trimble said.

The trip wasn't only about seeing sites. "I got to meet a lot of new people that I'm still in contact with," Trimble said. Both Trimble and Overton reccomend going on the trip. "It's not that often you get to go to Washington D.C. first hand then read books, and you're out of school for two weeks! What beats that?" Trimble said. "I got to leave the Midwest and learn about the government and see things I've always wanted to see," Overton said.

So if you don't like history, you may want to give it another chance and amybe even consider going on this trip!

## minute by minute



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Junior Jackie Pauk does her work from the book during Steve Koch's government class. Juniors are allowed to take government and economics as a junior on special occasions to make accomidations in their schedules.

1 **Senior** Toryono White works hard in Steve Koch's government class.

2 **Junior** Sean Bunn takes notes during Max Duvall's American history class.

3 **Sophomores** Laurah Mwirichia and and Ryan Anderson work on their project during Brian Tate's world history class.

4 **Junior** Kalina Overton listens carefully while she takes notes in Max Duvall's American history class.





Above- Sohomore Courtney Meneley, above, checks her work in her Spanish class.

Below, foreign language teacher, Beth Eilers sits at her desk, to grade quizzes.



“It is harder for Americans [to start taking Spanish classes with out knowing the language].”  
-Freshman Janette Rosas

### What will foreign language do for me later in life?

**A.**

Foreign Language is a great thing to have under the belt, it prepares you for college, helps you understand new cultures, and gives you a chance to experience a different country. You need two years of foreign language to get into a good college, and most of the time you can get some kind of grant for having four years. In most foreign language classes you learn stuff you never knew about the culture. Schools have programs where if you take a consecutive four years of one language you have a chance to go on a school trip to that country.

# top 5

## The perks of foreign language

- 1 College credit!
- 2 People don't know what your saying.
- 3 You start to learn new cultures!
- 4 It's nice to have it under the belt.
- 5 And theres always that chance of actually going there.



Junior Debbie O'Brien  
chews on her water bottle  
during her Spanish class.

Better than ever!

# Foreign Language

**Hoover has always been a very diverse school. There are curently 507 minorities attening Hoover High School according, to the DMPS web-site on facts and figurations.**

With diversty comes different races, religions and languages. "[I've been teaching] for 12 years [in] French and Spanish," said Beth Eilers a Spanish and French teacher.

"Some Freenh speakers are statring to come in from French speaking cit-ies in Africa. Ever since I've been [at Hoover] there have been Hispanics, but not many French." Eilers said.

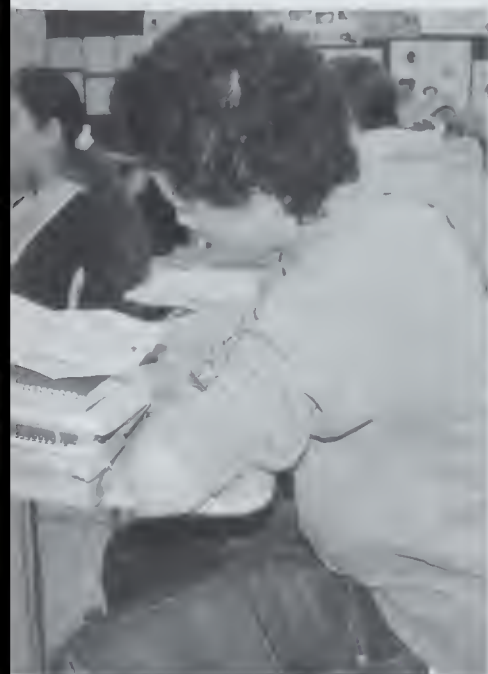
"It is harder for Americans [to start taking Spanish classes with out knowing the language]." said Freshman Janette Rosas. when she it to [the teacher], but I know when she's wrong." said Rosas.

"It does kind of makes me mad, but they have to work twice as hard in English class." said Rachel Lindstrom, a junior.

Some of the Hispanics can speak the language better than the teacher. "I don't say it to [the teacher], but I know when she's wrong." said Rosas.

"I ask 'what do you say' every now and then, but for the most part, no (students don't correct me)", Eilers said.

"There will almost always be minorities in Hoover and some will have that advantage on test day." Eiler said, "The test depends on the student, lots {of students} don't do their homework.



Above, Sophomore Mark Morris studies  
hard for Spanish class.



# Technical

## Difficulties

**Every year, creating the yearbook comes with many headaches, but this year seemed to have more than usual.**

This year the yearbook was completely done on the internet with a new program. "It takes forever just to get pictures on our pages and its a completely different programs we had to get used to, its difficult adapting to a new program," said senior Alex Mentzer.

Along with the new internet program, the staff brought in many new elements to the publication. One new thing was the ban book. "When one person is used twice, they go on a list called the ban book, and they can't be used again, its a way to get more people into the book," Mentzer said. The staff tried, and to the best of their ability followed the ban book guidelines.

Even though with all the headaches the yearbooks caused, it is always worth it in the end. "I think it will benefit because it is easier, you can just pop in everything and you don't have to design," said sophomore Stephanie Mulstay.

"It will definitely be worth it," Mentzer said.

Right- Co-editor in chief Senior Amanda Allen works on the ad pages during 4th period yearbook class. Allen has been on staff for 2 years. Bottom- Juniors Barbara Baccam, Christa Smith, and Jayne Leveke work on their pages on the computers, this is the first year on staff for all three.



Husky Yearbook Staff  
Back: Dana Hall and Brianna Landis  
Middle: Jessica Perry, Stephanie Mulstay, Alex Mentzer, Amanda Allen, Barbara Baccam, and Christa Smith  
Bottom: Ian Rohlwing, Elizabeth Howett, Jayne Leveke, Kate Buckley, and Emily Tempel

Sophomore Dana Hall interviews senior Sean Williams for her Student of All Seasons story. This is Hall's first year on staff.

# No Problem With Commitment

When it comes to producing the newspaper, the Challenger staff is about as dedicated as they come. Some staff members spend up to three periods in the newspaper/yearbook room. Co-editor in chief senior Ryan Young is one of those members who spends more time than expected in class. "[I am in the newspaper/yearbook] in the morning everyday, its the whole period, then the whole class time for third of course. Then, when I write my stories that can take the whole weekend," Young said.

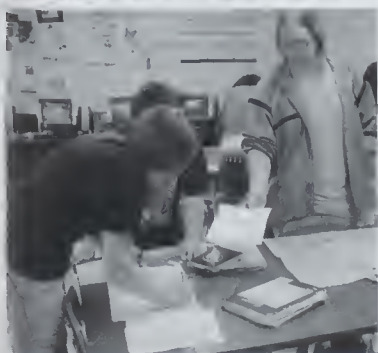
"Newspaper is completely different from any other class, you actually learn skills that you will need on an everyday basis, and its not just memorizing certain things," said junior Kelli Shaffner. This is Shaffner's second year on staff. Shaffner spends two to four periods a day in the newspaper/yearbook room.

Staff members work on a two week deadline schedule where in those two weeks they have to create a storyboard, write questions, interview people, take pictures, and design their pages on a template, and then after all that is finished the paper must still be paginated before it can to sent to be printed. "It takes a lot takes a lot of patience and teamwork because you depend on other people to get their stuff done in order to get your work done," Shaffner said.

How dedicated are  
you to the newspaper?

"I plan to make this my professional, so I put every ounce of dedication I have into the papers, maybe not on some days, but I consider the paper to be my first job over the one I acutually get paid for."

-Senior and co-editor in chief  
Ryan Young



Sophomore Sam Kyker hands his story to co-editor in chief senior Samantha Toole for her to look over it. Toole has been on staff for three years, and this is Kyker's first year.



Top- Newspaper staff members in the third period newspaper class work on their pages and stories. Left-Seniors Ryan Young Josh Sheridan and junior Kelli Shaffner participate in the **Challenger Lunch Challenge**. The rules are you have to eat as much food as you can in the 30 minute lunch period and make it to class on time. The participants have \$30 dollars to spend. This year Ryan's Red Raiders won the challenge.

Above-Challenger Newspaper staff: Front row (left to right) Shawn Gude, Kelli Shaffner, Rachael Stern, Jessica Bedard, and Kalee Kleinhesselink. Middle row (right to left) Paul Joy, Bailey Eginore, Dan Braak, Eric Andersen, Emily Newton, Ian Rohlwing, Josh Sheridan, Erin Huckins, Erik Harvey, Christine Attey, and Deonte Mackie. Back Row (left to right) Nadja Kantarevic, Samantha Toole and Ryan Young. Staff members not pictured Sam Kyker, Emily Tow, Shaina Evans, and Stephanie Jacobson.



# So MUCH To Offer

Today

## Sophomore Chris Smith chooses Hoover for industrial tech program

There are a million things to think about when choosing a school to go to. There's location, reputation, and of course the classes.

For sophomore Chris Smith, it was the classes at Hoover that helped him choose where to go.

"I had the choices of Dowling or Hoover," Smith said. "I chose Hoover because of the wood, metal, and automotive classes."

Smith wants to pursue a career in automobiles.

"I have always had an interest in cars. It probably started with my grandfather who is a mechanic at Hummel Nissan."

Given Smith's interests in the area, it is surprising that he didn't take an industrial tech class this year.

"I want to take the automotive class at Central (Campus) and the wood and metal classes here. A lot of kids want to get into them, though, and mostly juniors and seniors get into them."

"I tried to get into the woods class my freshman year, but I didn't get in" senior Nathan Tyler said, "they usually give upperclassmen priority."

Senior Mike Rother was one of the lucky ones.

"I had no problem getting into (the classes), but there were a lot of kids that didn't get in," Rother said. "Everyone wants to take the industrial tech classes. It's rare to get in as an underclassman."

Since Smith was unable to get into the classes this year, he decided to get some required classes out of the way. That way he would have more time for his interests next year. If his schedule goes as planned, he will be spending hours a day in these classes. The automotive class at Central takes three periods a day, and Smith would like to take a woods or metals class at Hoover on top of that.

Rother has also spent many hours in the industrial tech classes.

"I've taken metals, woods, and tech today. Metals was my favorite; it's where I learned to weld for the first time," Rother said. Rother plans to attend the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology next year.

Above: Freshman Emir Mejremic and sophomore Gabe Long listen as their teacher Chris Kne explains how to sand down the piece of wood. The wood has Mejremic's name burned into it using a new laser burning machine.

Right: Senior Mike Rother works on a welding project for his welding class at Central Campus. Rother has taken every industrial tech class offered at Hoover: Tech Today, Metals, and Woods. Rother plans to attend the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology next year.

Above: senior Art Rhoades works on a drawer in the woods class. He is placing a track in to make sure the drawer will be aligned.

Right: junior Angela French is cutting a piece of wood for her drawer in the woods class.

# The FACS of Life

## Students learn the basic skills everyone needs to know

Each class has something to learn from, whether it's art, English, or P.E. So what is so different about the FACS classes?

They teach the very basics that every person will need sometime in his or her life.

"It's such basic skills," FACS teacher Carla Madson said, "if they can't cook for themselves, they're gonna be in trouble."

Senior Nicole Evans also believes the skills learned in Madson's class are important.

"I'm in the relationships class. It teaches you how to interact with people and what to do if you're put in difficult situations," Evans said.

No matter what FACS class a student takes - relationships, foods, adult living, health, or child development - there is a lot to learn.

"You learn how to make good foods that you will be able to use the rest of your life," freshman Ericka Hussman said. Hussman is in Madson's Foods 1 class and plans to attend the culinary arts class at Central Campus next year.

"I'm looking at it as a career," Hussman said.

Career or not, they are basic skills everyone needs.

"I would like to see more students take adult living or personal finance," Madson said. "In adult living, students learn self esteem, assertiveness, and how to deal with conflicts."

The classes aren't just learning, they are fun too.

"The foods kids love to cook and eat, and the relationships class loves the discussion almost as much as I do," Madson said.

"Everyone should take it. We make really good food and it's a lot of fun," Hussman said.



Above: Senior Justin Woods shows off his cooking skills.



Right: Freshmen Ericka Hussman and Ben Lockin study hard in Carla Madson's Food 1 class.



Above: Sophomores Alisa Douglas and Amira Stiovie enjoy the French toast they made in Foods 1.

Below: Freshmen Emily Harmon and Erin Wilson study in Carla Madson's class.



## teacher profile

**Name:** Carla Madson

**Classes:** relationships, Food 1 and 2, adult living, and health

**Years teaching:** 15

**Years at Hoover:** 2

**Favorite part about teaching FACS:** "It's easy to make relevant and it's so important to me."

**FACS class that she enjoys most:** child development



"I really like Hoover. It's a wonderful location and there is a lot of pride in the school," family and consumer sciences teacher Carla Madson



Sophomores Lom Chol, Charles Zanders, Joe Crawford, and junior Tyler Fox (right) work on computer assignments in General Business.

## top 5

### To take computer or business classes

- 1 Some classes give you school credit as well as DMACC credit.
- 2 Prepares you for the future
- 3 Prepares you for the computer/business world
- 4 Many jobs involve computers
- 5 Learn new things



Senior Shaneice Thomas (right) works on a brochure in Desktop Publishing.



Junior Kirk Trimble, senior Sean Williams, and junior Sasha Francis (right) concentrate on getting those credits.





Computer teacher, Riek Hammen (above) helps students out on the computer.

# A Two for One Special!

Computer and business classes prepare students for the future with dual credits

Taking Computer and Business classes can be lots of work but students are taking advantage of it. Some classes offered give DMACC credit as well as high school credit. These classes are Desktop Publishing, Media and the Net, Sales and Marketing, Computer Applications 1&2, Personal Finance, and Word Processing.

"I think it's pretty sweet that we get both credits," junior Kari Gladson said.

But here's the catch: only juniors and seniors get the credit.

"I think it's dumb, it doesn't matter what grade you're in to get the credits," sophomore Chase Anderson said.

Despite not getting the credits, fresh-

men and sophomores still take these classes anyway but for different reasons.

"My parents and my sister say I should so I do. I learn new things here and there," freshman Geneva Leuengaroune said.

"I enjoy working on computers and the way the world is going. There's new technology and pretty soon everyone has to do things on the computer," said Anderson.

In the long run, getting the DMACC credit will save you some cash for college in the future, a great deal.



(Above) Sophomore Jermaine Woods researches for information on the web.



Seniors Nikki Evans and Jessica Woodyard (left) are busy working in their computer class.

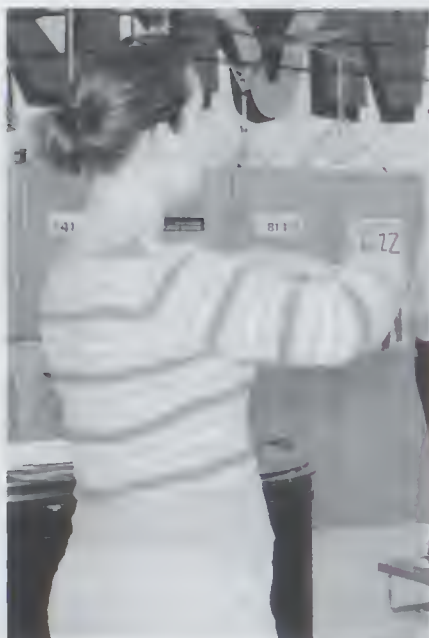


Senior Ashley Vanee (above) works on assignments.



# Still Going Strong

Over the past few years, the vocal music department has had many new teachers, but despite all the changes, they are still going strong.



Vocal music teacher Anna Wolfe, leads warm up in one of her classes. This is Wolfe's first year teaching.

Over the past few years the vocal music department has seen quite a few changes, arguably the most significant has been three new teachers in four years.

In the 2002-2003 school year it was Amy Hall, from 2003-2005 it was Aaron Albin, and this year the new face is Anna Wolfe.

With all these new changes, the students can sometimes find the classes more difficult. "We have to start over every year, with the new teacher's theories and ideas, and we have to get used to it," said Senior Stephanie Jacobson. Jacobson is a member of both Harmony and Chamber choirs and has been involved in the Hoover vocal music department for four years.

Junior Stephanie Leinen agrees with Jacobson. "It's a little difficult getting used to a new teacher's style," she said.

Leinen is also involved in both Harmony and Chamber choirs and has been singing at Hoover for three years.

Not only with the new addition to the choirs, Heart and Soul also has a new teacher, Scott Rieker, who is the Meredith Chorus teacher. "He is doing a good job for his first year," said Junior Patrick Williams. This is Williams' first year in Heart and Soul and he said he likes it because "it's freestyle."

This year along with new teachers, there are also new activities. "We're doing singing telegrams where people call and tell you what types of songs to sing. Then we go sing for the person they want us to sing to and we get paid for it," Leinen said.

But it seems that even with all these changes the vocal music department is still running strong. "I love to sing and I have met good friends through choir," said Leinen.

We have to start over every year, with the new teacher's theories and ideas, and we have to get used to it."

-Senior Stephanie Jacobson

Sophomore Bridgette Andrew sings a song during her fourth period Heart and Soul. Practices are held everyday.



Left- Junior Asia Earnest, Sophomore Emily Smith, Sophomore Carlinda Hedrick and Junior Michelle Ramirez practice in class for and upcoming concert. Concerts are held periodically.

Right- Sophomore Nathan Joy sings a song that is to be performed at a concert. Every choir performs a set of songs.



## What does it take to make Chamber and Harmony

**A.**

To make one of these choirs (chamber or harmony) you will have to introduce yourself in front of a panel of judges, range check, sing through prepared selections, echo back intervals, sing major, minor and chromatic scales, sight clapping and reading exercises and hand in a paragraph of why you want to be in the specific ensemble and what you think you will add to the group.



Above- Concert choir sixth period.  
Right- Chamber choir seventh period



Center- Harmony choir third period.

Left- Heart and soul, fourth period



# Band takes a One

## Band gets a one in marching for the first time in years.



Front Row: Directors Randy Hoepker, Dana Andrews, Evan Davis, Kacy Messerschmidt, Carter Augustine, Arnold Woods, Lydia Van Der Beek, Angela Long, Alan Thorsen, Trevor Adams, Ben Darge, Viana Nguyen, Amber Dingman, Aaron Wasekuk, Austin Schaller  
Row 2: Alyssa McNecley, Elizabeth Howett, Danielle Guisinger, Laura Mwirchia, Courtney McNecley, Becca Lefler, Betha Nations, Sarah Kleinhesselink, Cathy Delay, Andrew Bunn, Kelsey Keiran, Sarah Sterns, Julia Whaley, Kaley Kleinhesselink, Leslie Millard.  
Row 3: Colin Whittie, Charlie Banghart, Spencer Hoteck, Gavin Gallegos, Eden Stokka, Mitch Stites, Jordan DeGroot, Dan Oswald, Chelsea Rail, Drew Foster, Kylie Good, Casey Clark, Brandy Edwards, Adam Sterns, Damir Dzafic, Alex Mentzer, Allison Kirschbaum.  
Back Row: Missy Shaw, Tanner Shaw, Tanner Heintz, Jason Homard, Nathan Bickle, Ashlee Norris, Kelsey Wren, Joe Ghormley, Anthony Olson, Drew Thelen, Nathan Evans, Ben Hawks, Tim Bales, Chad Nelson, Ursula Brandt, Ben Gordon, Sophie Turner, Kristin Hukill

Nerd, dork and geek, They typical description of a band member.

No matter how "dorky" band members are, "we kick butt," said junior Tim Bales.

Getting a 1 in marching is the best you can get and band managed to pull it together and do it. "Everyone marched so well and it was so exciting and I'm so glad we got a one," said senior Julia Whaley.

Some people weren't too sure if they were going to be able to pull it together. "We have a lot of freshmen so we weren't really sure and the freshman pulled their weight and we all came together and accomplished our goals," said Whaley.

Junior Chelsea Rail was just as excited about getting a 1 in marching. "I thought it was really cool, it's been awhile since we've had a 1."

Rail started playing the trumpet in fifth grade. "My brother played it and I figured it would be easier because I could ask him for help," said Rail.

The influence of band varies from person to person.

Hoteck said that he wants to "Be the best I can be."

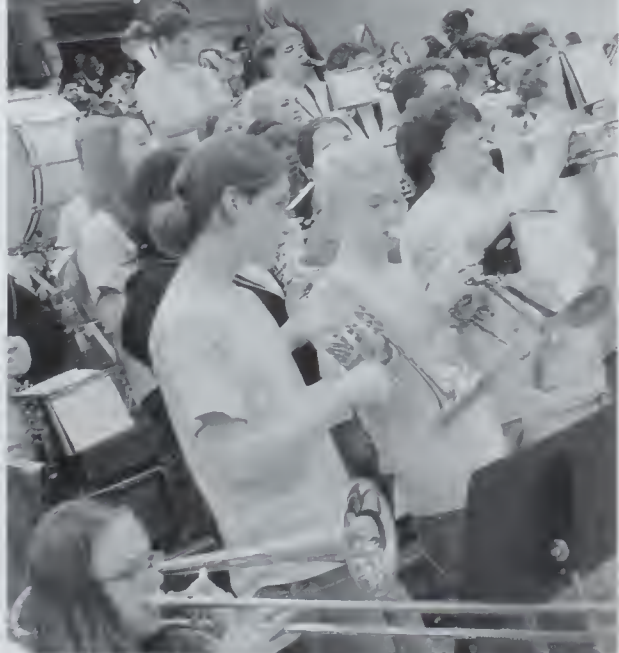
"A letter to all of those who say band isn't that difficult," Rail said "It's harder than you think,"

"We have a lot of freshmen so we weren't really sure and the freshmen pulled their weight and we all came together and accomplished our goals."

-Senior Julia Whaley

Right: Pep band plays to cheer on our Huskies to victory. Hoover went undefeated and won the State Championship. The pep band was there to cheer on the Huskies during the first round of the state tournament.

Paul Joy Photo





Above: Senior, Damir Dzafic plays the bass clarinet. He has been in band since 6th grade.



Above: Trevor Adams, Ashley Dingman and Aaron Waseskuk play the xylophone as they prepare for their band concert.



Above: Freshman, Becca Leffler and sophomore Courtney McNeeley play the flute. They play to prepare for their band concert.



Above: Junior Arnold Woods plays the piano. He has been playing the piano for Hoover for since his freshman year.

Left: Director Dana Andrews conducts as the students have their last practice before their band concert in March.



Right- Members of orchestra make a final class practice of their songs before a concert. The first orchestra concert was held in October. Below- the members of Orchestra.



Where's all the support going for orchestra?

"You see big crowds at the basketball games, why won't you see crowds at the orchestra concert? It takes just as much time and effort or more to prepare for an orchestra concert. I mean we practice at school and home."

-Senior Eric Harvey

Sophomores Mitch Smith and Aaron Gotl work hard to get those notes right during class. Orchestra has concerts periodically throughout the year.



# ● Support Needed

Orchestra doesn't get the support they want and need.

What happened to that husky spirit when it comes to orchestra? "I could see if we had a really bad orchestra but we don't. At our last concert we got a one which is really good," freshman Kaitlyn Rooney said.

Let's face it, a lot of orchestra members think they deserve the credit they worked so hard for. Most students agree that Hoover orchestra deserves the same husky spirit. Most of the students don't know how much time and commitment orchestra takes. When you go to an orchestra concert "all you see are our family and maybe our close friends," said Rooney. Why is that? Why is it you only see family and close friends? "I mean, we support other activities so why can't they support us?" said Senior Erik Harvey, a former orchestra member. Harvey was in the Hoover orchestra for three years.

Orchestra members put in effort, hard work, and "a lot and a lot of commitment" said freshman Brynn Berry.

"You see big crowds at the basketball games, why won't you see crowds at the orchestra concerts?" said Harvey. "It takes just as much time and effort or more to prepare for an orchestra concert. I mean we practice at school and home," he said.

That's a lot of practicing and a lot of commitment that our fellow orchestra members have to commit themselves to, "and to makes it even worse they think they don't get noticed for all their work" senior Timmy Jaynes said.

"[It] sucks because we do all that work and no one gives us the credit for it," said Rooney. Then let's face it, a lot of orchestra members think they deserve the credit they worked so hard for. Most students agree that Hoover orchestra deserves the same husky spirit.

## minute by minute



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1

**Mrs. Fried** and her first period orchestra class work hard to get ready for their performance.

2

**The orchestra** class warms up and gets ready to play their music at their concert for their friends and family.

3

**Orchestra** students play one of their songs in their debut concert on October 25, 2005.

4

**Orchestra** students enjoy themselves at their first concert of the year.



# More Than Just Staying Fit

Peopel PE: Physical Education Opportunity for Exceptional Learners

Peopel Physical Education (PE) has been around for as long as students can remember. Although the majority of students take the regular PE classes there are many reasons why students want to take a peopel PE class.

According to the Best Buddies Newsletter, Peopel PE is made especially for kids with disabilities, and the physical training of the class is not near as hard as a regular PE class would be.

The differences between the Peopel PE class and regular PE class are very significant. According to Wendy Turner, a regular PE teacher, PE is becoming more athletic than it has been in it recent years.

Mirnesa Suljic, a sophomore, takes Peopel PE for a differnt reason. "[I take it] just because it ould be fun. You get to work with different people that aren't the same as you."

Some kids don't pick the Peopel PE option, because it wasn't exactly known. "I didn't chose [regular] PE class, they just gave it to me," Said sophomore Stephanie Tew.

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I like being active, it keeps me strong.”

-Sophomore Robert Patton



Above- Peter Schoneberg, a sophomore, works on his calfs, in FIT PE.



On the left, Alton Rader throws a medicine ball to, freshman, Devon Campbell, as some students spot him.

To the right, Josh O'Conner a sophomore, lifts some weights to get buff in his PE class.





Nikki Kemp, a sophomore uses the stability ball in PE class.

PEOPLE PE and PE help students stay fit.

# Kids work hard



Lyndie Hendrick, a sophomore, works on a stability ball.



Ryan Young, a senior, lifts a medicine ball.



Troy Strom, a junior, lifts weights in PE class.



Travis Brown, a senior, rests after working hard.

**For years physical education (PE) classes** were taught by Coach Pete and Coach Lundholm. PE teacher, Wendy Tuner said that they played "basketball, ping pong ball and soccer every once in awhile."

Sophomore, Robert Patton said the PE class "isn't any harder than it was with the old coaches," there have been a though. "Most students were happy actually doing things," Said Turner.

Some people think that PE has changed for the better, and others feel differently. "Kids would be satisfied sitting on the bleachers. 38 people are failing Coach Boston's class," Said freshman Alisa Husidic.

For the most part though it seems the majority of people like the new ways. "It sucked playing basketball for three months. PE was a joke," Said Tuner.

"PE is something where I can get loose," Said Patton. For most people PE is a fun class to take a

Stability  
Ball

Medicine  
Ball

Weight  
Lifting

And now,  
Take a  
Break!



# It's All Inside

There's something  
for everybody here

**There's something for everybody** at school. Drama, French, and Student Council all have active involvement in here. Getting involved makes the school a better place. Make a statement, make new friends, and make your high school years meaningful. Get involved. There are new activities here everyday. Can you make it?

Members of Mock Trial prepare for competition. Mock Trial acts out fake court cases against another team.



Sophomores Madison Sconiers and Gavin Gallegos work hard to get an experiment right in science club. Science club is open to anyone.

Left- Senior Heather May works on a project in Best Buddies. Best Buddies is open to any student who applies at the beginning of the school year.



Above- Students perform a piece prepared for Speech contest in drama. Left- One of several performances done in the cafeteria during Speech Contest time. Several groups got a one rating.



Juniors Matt Henry and Grey Lovelace perform some of their best dance moves at speech contest.



Below- Junior Alma Cocic waits for direction at a Student Council meeting.

Left- Senior Josh Sheridan waits for members of Gay Straight Alliance to get ready to start a meeting.



Above- Members of GSA take a break while visiting the Buchanan house. They visited the Buchanan house during November. Left- Junior Shazif Bachelani practices his law skills during a practice.



Above- Seniors Samantha Toole and Chelsea Swanson do a leadership activity in Student Council. Student Council is made up of elected students. Left- Members of a speech contest group act out a skit in the cafeteria. Every year drama does seech contest in January and February.





# Making It Cool

## Science Club May Be Cooler Than you think

**Science may seem nerdy, but Beth Zavala's science club is making it look pretty cool.**

"We're launching a huge rocket this year," Zavala said while pointing to a silver rocket that stands from floor to just below the ceiling.

Freshman Ben Allen enjoys the challenge that comes with science.

"I like science because it's fun and very interesting. It's difficult, I like that part," he said.

Zavala said, "Our group is small, but it's been the same group of students for a few years."

The science club started in 2001, when Zavala taught at Meredith Middle School, and continued when Zavala came to Hoover in 2003.

Some students think science is difficult and unnecessary. But why?

"A lot of people will tend to push away what they find challenging," Zavala said.

"I've never been good at science, I've never liked it," senior Amanda Skidmore said.

"I think certain areas of science, like astronomy are interesting, but otherwise, science isn't my thing," she said

"The important thing to remember about science is that it's everywhere," Zavala said.

"Science is our world, and whether you like it or not, it's there. And it's cool"



Freshman Ben Allen and senior Eric Tate fix the silver rocket by fixing a string. At the Thursday meeting, Allen said, "Who would have thought something as little as a string could have held us back from launching our rocket?"



Allen, Buckley, and Tate discuss with the rest of the science club when and where to launch the rocket.



Junior Tim Bales and seniors Kate Buckley, Nick Thelen, and Eric Tate discuss rocket science.



Left: Tate, Buckley and Allen show that science can be fun.

Bottom left: Zavala explains upcoming events for the science club, including a trip to Iowa State University.

Below: Zavala said, "it's been the same group of kids for the most part. They're dedicated." Multi-tasking, the group works on the rocket and share stories at the same time.



## Science Bound Gives **HOPE** Courtesy of ISU

**A program that  
gives minorities  
opportunities**

"(Science Bound) is a program through Iowa State University, and is sponsored by the federal government to encourage students to be successful in science careers. It looks for students in middle school because that's when girls and minorities lose interest in science. The students in the program have to sign a contract, and have a C average. They also have to participate in 75% of the after school activities and visit Iowa State University four times a year. This is a unique opportunity, a chance for the community to see money go to a good cause. It's a chance for the students to see what's outside of Des Moines or Beaverdale. It's an excellent way to get on career tracks and learn about science. With the right opportunities, students can achieve their dreams."

-Meredith Middle School science teacher and Science Bound supervisor Randi Weeks





# The Art of Law

## Mock Trial takes acting and brains

Mock trial can be easily compared to drama.

"There's a lot of acting. It's acting out the law and what really goes on in courthouses," junior Kelsey Wren said.

Wren has been a part of Mock Trial for six years.

Wren joined Mock Trial because she wants to be a criminal prosecutor when she gets older.

Like Academic Decathlon, there is a lot of learning which makes it feel like another class. "We're expected to take notes, we have homework, we work a lot at home and we're always learning," junior Shazif Bachelani said.

Bachelani is involved in both Mock Trial and Academic Decathlon, and has been involved in Mock Trial for his whole high school career.

Junior Kelsey Wren and freshman Jordan Taha talk during a Mock Trial meeting. "During meetings, we have the opportunity to talk a lot because we need to ask each other questions and we all help each other," Taha said.



Above: Junior Shazif Bachelani runs through the case with another Mock Trial member.



All photos by Susan Pille

Junior Kelsey Wren discusses Mock Trial terms with another mock trial member. Wren has been on mock trial for six years; three years at Meredith Middle school and three years at Hoover.



Mock Trial members pose for a photo during a practice. There were no seniors on the team this year.



# Academic Fun

## Students expand their learning and make it fun

**Here's a riddle:** what after-school activity involves studying, testing and essays?

It's not another class, but close.

"Every year, academic decathlon focuses on one subject, (the participants) learn 10 different topics on that one subject and they do speeches, tests and essays about the subject," Academic Decathlon coach Eric Hall said.

"Each student gets a three ring binder that has all their information in it and they have to read and learn everything in it. Then they're tested," Hall said.

According to USAD.org, students are tested on 10 different topics: art, economics, essays, interviews, language and literature, mathematics, music, science, social science, and speech. Junior Shazif Bachelani has been a member of Academic Decathlon for three years and is the only returning student on the team.

"The competition is difficult, of course, but I like getting to meet new

people," he said.

Bachelani and Hall agree on why it's tough to get more people to join Academic Decathlon.

"People hear the name 'academic' and freak out," Bachelani said. "In a way, there really isn't a lot of studying. It's pretty much based on common knowledge."

"It would be nice to have more returning students next year. Last year there were a lot of seniors," Hall said.

"In Academic Decathlon you learn a lot, meet new people, and it looks good on college applications," Hall said.

"Academic Decathlon really is interesting. This year we studied the Renaissance and last year we studied astronomy. They always come up with cool subjects," Bachelani said.

"Getting out of school is kinda nice to," Bachelani said.

Students in Academic Decathlon wait for their next directions from Mr. Hall, during a meeting.



The Academic Decathlon team poses for a quick group photo. There was only one returning member.



Above students in Academic Decathlon prepare for a speech.





# Sharing is caring

NHS members give their insight on what NHS is

NHS? North High School?

NHS stands for National Honor Society. Students must have a 3.5 GPA or higher by their sophomore year, and have to be involved in the community. Fliers were sent to people who qualified.

"You have to fill out an application with your info, and an essay about service projects that you've done and how you've helped the community," junior Danielle Guisinger said.

After the paperwork part is done, a committee of teachers goes through the applications and decides on who gets in.

Members are required to do one group and one individual service project (volunteer work) each semester, and then fill out forms on the projects they've done.

"[Volunteering] makes me feel good to help my community, and meet new people," junior Jake Hestbeeh said.

So why are students joining NHS?

"Because it looksgood on a college applicaion," Guisinger said.

"It gives you a good chance to work with others to help out your community, as well as individually," Hestbeeh said.

"It's an honor for kids to be in it and put it in their resume," advisor Pam Pileher said.

Besides volunteering and maintaining their grades, there are also those memorable moments.

"At the induction ceremoney one year, I put the certificates out of order," Pileher said.



Junior Carter Augustine (above) kicks back and reads the Challenger during SSR.



Senior Karinne Harmon (above) lends a hand at Lutheran Hospital by putting together charts.

## WHAT DO YOU DO?



"I help at the St. Joseph's Emergency Family Shelter. I tutor and hang out with the kids there."

**-senior Eric Andersen**

## What do you think?

NHS is a good program because it gets students involved in the community."

**-junior Shawn Gude**



**he** said



"It [the conference at Drake] was enlightening and informative."

**-senior Jaymes Kaiser**

**she** said

"It [conference at Drake] was very informative. The speaker was motivational. They showed us different skills to be leaders and improve ourselves."



**-senior Cassandra Boston**

# Leading the Pack

N.C.Y.L. members show their leadership.

Many people walk through the mall and wonder what those student pictures displayed are all about at this time of year. The pictures are of seniors who are the selected members of the National Council of Youth Leadership (N.C.Y.L.)

"The pictures definitely put yourself out in the community, showing everyone you're a leader," senior An Pham said.

"It (the pictures) was awesome! Random people came up to me and said they saw my picture," senior Abreya Higgins said.

Seniors were nominated by teachers who showed leadership qualities at the end of their junior year. They had to have a certain GPA, fill out a form, and get two letters of recommendation. The number of students selected depends on the size of the senior class, this year there are 13 seniors participating.

Besides having to get their pictures taken, the seniors attended a two day conference on September 18 and 19 at Drake University. The students listened to a motivational speaker and worked in groups with students from other high schools in N.C.Y.L.

"We learned a lot about leadership," Higgins said.

"The speaker motivated us to become better leaders, and then we worked in groups and made new friends," Pham.

N.C.Y.L. also gives out scholarships of \$1000 to one person from each school. This year An Pham received the scholarship.

"Being in N.C.Y.L. looks good on a college resume," Pham said. For those who want to become future N.C.Y.L. members or leaders, here are some words of advice.

"Be who you are, don't let anyone else dictate who you are," Higgins said.

"You should take advantage of it and show everyone that you're a leader," Pham said.



Sam Toole, Kim Alex, An Pham, and Joe Muldoon (left) goof off after helping set up for the winter pep assembly.



Senior Abreya Higgins (above) volunteers with Big Brothers, Big Sisters every Thursday afternoon with Woodlawn fourth grader Shianne Johnson.



Students (left) from other Best Buddies chapters makes a mummy out of another.

## Why did you join Best Buddies?

"To make a difference in people's lives."

-**junior Allison Kirschbaum**

"I think it's a good program to meet new people and start new friendships."

-**sophomore Hillary Pierson**



Students (right) from other Best Buddies chapters play a game.



President of the Hoover chapter Caitlin Betts and sophomore Drew Foster take time to pose for a picture.

# Friendships that Last a **Lifetime**

Hoover students participate in a worthwhile program

**Best Buddies** is a program meant to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing one-on-one friendships.

But why do it?

"I do it to make a difference in people's lives," junior Allison Kirschbaum said. Kirschbaum is now the community service coordinator.

"I think it's a good program to meet new people and gain new friendships," sophomore Hilary Pierson said.

To get involved in Best Buddies, prospective members sign up and then go to an interview for it. No one receives their buddy right away though. They have matching surveys that match people with each other by interests and things in common.

"It was accidental [Getting into Best Buddies]. I was doing something in the library and the movie for it was playing. I sat down and watched it and it was touching," senior Caitlin Betts said. Betts has been involved for three years and is now the president of the Hoover chapter.

"I heard of it last year. People said it was a lot of fun and a lot of my friends are in it," Pierson said.

Best Buddies does many things to strengthen these friendships. They had their annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 30. They also do community service and many other things.

"[Best Buddies is] incredible, it's so rewarding," Betts said.

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The members of the Hoover Best Buddies Chapter gather around for a group photo.

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Best Buddies adviser Cindy Grandquist gets prepared for the Halloween Party.

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Seniors Heather May and Stephanie Jacobson set the room up before the party.

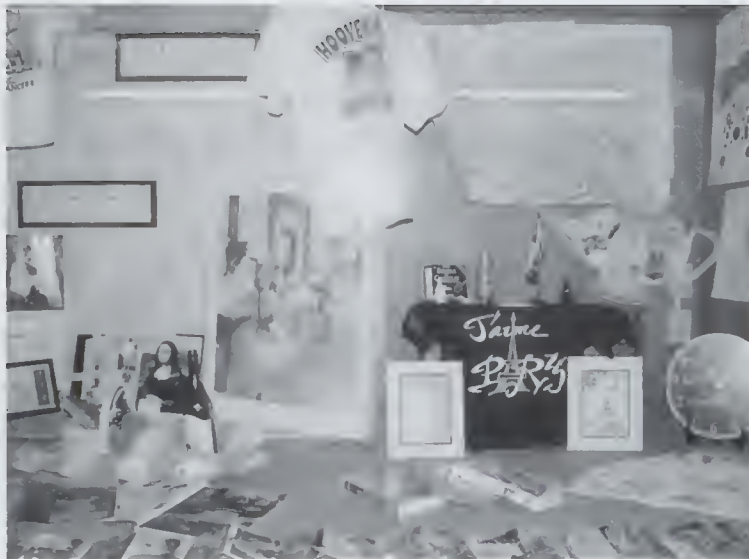
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Seniors Heather May, Kristine Beghtel, Ivy Rohlwing, and Caitlin Riordan hanging out at the party.

**4**

Senior Zach Rohlwing, sophomores Adam Sterns, Hillary Pierson, and junior Stephanie Linen are all dressed up and ready to party!





Above: One of the ways ICP helps promote diversity is by putting up the displays for French club and soccer.

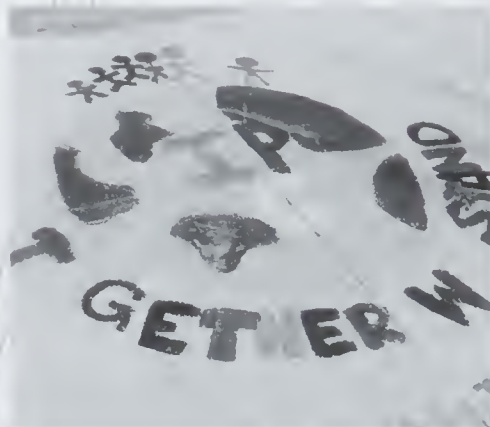


Right-Freshman Geneva Leuangaroune looks up restaurants in the phone book during an ICP meeting for their end of the year dinner.

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“ICP helps people from around the world come together in a school atmosphere and lets different classes come together to make friends.”

- ICP advisor Mo Murphy



Above-An ICP mural on the sidewalk in front of the student parking lot. It is tradition for clubs and organizations to paint murals on the sidewalk.

Right- Senior Shanae Thomas eats breakfast at an ICP meeting. ICP meets every Tuesday at 7:15 in the morning.





# Blue, pink or red

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The different nationalities:

***African American***

***Croatian***

***Hispanic***

***Japanese***

***Cambodian***

***Asian***

***Chinese***

**E**very Tuesday a group of people with many different backgrounds meet in room 109 to discuss their next project. Walking in the hallways you sometimes notice the display cases and wonder who puts them together. The answer to that is ICP. ICP is a group of people that decide what music gets played in the morning, or if you noticed the Isiseretes drummers playing during Diversity week, it's ICP who put that together. "ICP helps people from around the world come together in a school atmosphere and lets different classes come together to make friends." American History and ICP leader Mo Murphy said. "We have ICP because it highlights our diversity, and shows that people from all races can get along." Senior Jessica Bedard said. The club is open to anyone and you can join at anytime. "All you have to do is go talk to ICP leader Mo Murphy and she'll get you in." Bedard said. Some of the displays put together by ICP are located by the vice-principal office for everyone to see. Some of ICP's future plans are to go to city-wide meetings to talk about how they can promote diversity.



# It's a class too

## Student council takes leadership class

Senior Chelsea Swanson tries to describe a picture to fellow senior Samantha Toole for her to draw. It's a communication activity that the leadership class went to the student center to do.



Junior Michael Kuhlensbeck works on one of his portfolio pages. Students in the class are graded on their portfolios.



Secretary, junior Alma Cocie and president, senior Joe Muldoon stand in front of homeroom representatives and fellow council members to give announcements. Once a month, STUCO holds a meeting for all homeroom reps so that they can inform their homerooms of recent happenings and get them involved.



**Student council, STUCO**, isn't just an extra curricular activity with meetings. Officers are also required to take a class during the day called Leadership.

The class was created three years ago in order to make student council more effective in the school.

To take the class, being in STUCO is required, whether you ran for some position and weren't elected or you're the president of the student body.

There is no real curriculum for the class. "What I do is rotate in different themes. Communication, leadership, ethics, citizenship, and organization. We read one to two books a year such as **How to Step Up as a Team Leader and Still Keep Your Friends**," teacher Doug Wheeler said.

The class time is used to "plan for big events like Entertainment Tonight and Homecoming. It makes things get done so much faster," Wheeler said.

"One day a week we go to elementary schools and do whatever the teacher wants us to do. I take a student and read outside of class," senior student body vice-president Kim Alex said, "We just wanted to give Hoover a better name to the outside community."

Activities inside and out of the class are how these student learn. They bring up ideas and let them grow into a product.

"I love planning homecoming and getting to decorate all of the assemblies because we get out of class," freshman Evelina Beganovic said.

The classroom seventh period has a different atmosphere than most. "It's loud, a good loud. The most vocal people in the school are put into one classroom. It's a casual and laid back [class]," Wheeler said.

"Everyone gets along but it's not quiet and everyone states their opinion. No one's shy and holds stuff back," Beganovic said.

Leadership is not a class that just sits and does worksheets. It's fun, chaotic, and full of experience. "I hope to learn how to be a better leader and speaker," Beganovic said.

"I hope to gain experience in working with people and attempting to make things happen," Alex said.

Students realize that they're going to get something out of it.



Student council organizer and leadership teacher Doug Wheeler has his students do a communication activity.

## top 5

### Ways planned to improve our school

- 1 Improve communication between students, students and staff, students and the community.
- 2 Provide activities people want to come to.
- 3 Make students feel a part of the Hoover community.
- 4 Give students voice.
- 5 Teach students appropriate way to make change.



Front: Evelina Beganovic and Alma Coie  
 Second: Mirela Tursunovic, Allison Kirschbaum, Chelsea Swanson, Michael Kuhlbeck, Natasha Oakley, An Pham, Amina Mujic, Shelly Ward, Beca Sipraga and Madison Sconiers  
 Third: Samantha Toole, Christine Eaton, Joe Muldoon, Akilah Jackson Rushing, Doug Wheeler, Nhu Le and Chad Boston  
 Not pictured: Caitlin Betts, Angela Smith and Samantha Ricke



# Computers --> Careers

## Computer Club takes learning to the next level



Computer Club CIOCs from top left, Nick Thelen, Ted Mathews, and Tuan Tong, Phuong Nguyen, Ted Mathews, and Patrick Williams.

After high school, people often look back at their experiences they've had and remember good times. For students in Computer Club, they will have more than that. They will have life-long skills that will help them with their futures.

"Everybody has to know computers," Computer Club coordinator Judy Renoux said. "The more comfortable with them you are, the better you will be."

Sophomore Ted Mathews started Computer Club last year with the help of Renoux.

"I usually run the meetings and Ms. Renoux helps decide when we're going to meet," Mathews said.

The club tries to meet every other week on Wednesdays.

"We try to meet whenever everybody can get together," Renoux said. "Sometimes it's hard with all of the other clubs and activities going on."

The Computer Club has spent the past few months working on a movie maker project for diversity week. It has taught members about movie making software and about cultural diversity at Hoover.

"It's a project taking different cultures at Hoover - Latino, Bosnian, African, Asian - and featuring a movie about the circumstances that brought them to the U.S.," Renoux said. "How we came together as a group, to embrace differences into one school."

Computer Club teaches kids how to use different computer programs and software, and even how computers are built.

"I'll show people different parts of a computer," Mathews said. "You'll learn how to build computers, about various parts of computers, and what they do."

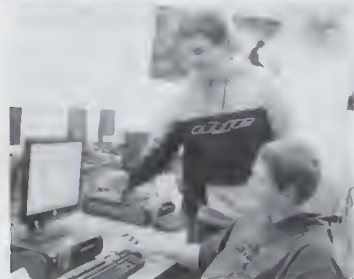
For junior Drew Thelen, computers aren't just a hobby, they're what he wants to work with for the rest of his life.

"I'm not sure what yet. CAD drafting, programming, and networking all seem interesting to me," Thelen said.

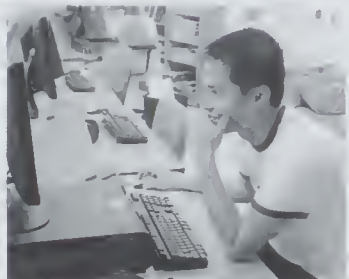
Thelen recommends the club to anyone who is interested "because they could learn a lot more about computers" and it could be very helpful with jobs.

"I really like computers," Mathews said, "computer club gives me a chance to talk to other people who are enthusiastic as I am."

Computer Club has given students a chance to have some fun while learning valuable skills that will help them in the future.



Sophomore Ted Mathews and senior Nick Thelen work on a computer before a meeting. Computer Club meets every two weeks.



Senior Tuan Tong spends time on the computer during a meeting. Computer Club members worked on a Movie-Maker project for much of the year.

Computer Club is a place for kids to be involved in what they really like to do,"

-Judy Renoux



Computer Club held a Halo 2 competition after school open to anyone interested. Energy drinks were sold for \$2 and students got a chance to see an X-Box 360.





Beth Eilers shows the French Club a collage of French culture. Each member had a chance to make his or her own collage.



Andie Schooley, Jesse Benson, Elizabeth Hewett and Lurah Mwirichia taste some sparkling cider, a popular drink in France.

# French Club

## More than just great FOOD



Sophomore Lurah Mwirichia loves that sparkling cider. French club often has food during meetings.



Junior Kendra Harding works on her French collage during French club.



Juniors Abby Troyer and Kendra Harding work hard to finish their collages. The pictures come from old French books, pamphlets, and maps.



Senior Caitlin Betts concentrates hard on her collage. She likes French club because "it's fun to talk to people who share a common interest."

**D**uring a regular French Club meeting, students can be seen gathered together, eating food and speaking French to each other. But the food and socialization isn't all French Club is about.

It's about culture.

"It's fun to learn about what they (the French) eat and do," junior Emily Light said.

Senior Tuan Tong believes French Club has taught him a lot about the French.

"There is a lot of French (culture) in our community like *Taste of French* that I wouldn't have known about without French Club," Tong said.

French Club has many members, old and new.

"It (French Club) sounded like fun, so I decided to join," Light said. This is Light's second year in French Club.

Beth Eilers, the coordinator of

French Club, says that the club gives students an experience they wouldn't get in class.

"We do things we don't have time for in class, like watching French films," Eilers said.

French Club meets once every two weeks, and food and fun come with every meeting.

"Basically every meeting we eat food," Light said.

"We eat a lot of French food, like Fondue," Tong said, "But it's not all just food."

The French Club has been planning an activity-full year.

"We're planning T-shirt designs and a fieldtrip to a play," Tong said.

The French Club celebrates culture and language, and Eilers keeps the environment relaxed.

"She's really helpful and really flexible, too," Tong said.

French Club has it all: food, fun, and culture.





Sophomore Kristene Dontje, freshman Stephanie Mondon and teacher Susan Pille pose with three favorite books. Dontje and Mondon are just two members of the club. They're meetings are very sparatie. Not everyone is always able to attend the meetings.

# Reading for fun?

Students read because they want to

Reader's club isn't very well known throughout school but the students in the club have much pride in it. "It's really a student run club," teacher Susan Pille said. Pille is the group's sponsor. It was formed to "give a chance for kids to get together and discuss books. Ms. Pille saw a whole bunch of kids together with romance books and decided to put the group together," sophomore Michelle Liston said. She has been in the club since the start of it. Reading is a love for these students. "My dad tells me to put books down because I read too much," Liston said. It's probably hard to imagine what a reading club would do at meetings. Just read together? Nope. "Usually we discuss what we've read and trade books," Pille said. "I hope students gain friendship and pride in what they do. I think some think that reading doesn't count unless you read something old, classical or well known. Reading no matter what it is is important," Pille said.



Sheridan and FACS teacher Karla Madson help set the table for GSA's meal at the Buehanon Center. Madson came to help prepare the meal.



GSA sponsor Miriam Heuermann gets involved in the meetings for GSA. She helps give ideas of what food to bring to the Thanksgiving meal. Heuermann has been the sponsor for GSA since the group started.

## What is Buchanan Iowa Homeless Youth Center?

On Sunday, November 20, the GSA group went to Buchanan to host a Thanksgiving meal for the residents. Buchanan is a co-ed transitional center that helps homeless teens go from living on the streets to being dependent on themselves and succeeding. Residents can live there for up to two years and are required to work, go to school, or both. Also, if they have problems with drugs they have to take classes to help them get off drugs. Residents are expected to be dependent on themselves but the house has youth specialists to assist them with achieving that.

Junior Charlee Banghart serves counselor Penny Weishaar mashed potatoes. Weishaar set up the arrangements for going to the Buchanan Center. The blankets in the background were put together with some survival items for the homeless teens that live under bridges in the winter.

Kellen Sanders, Emily Newton and Joshua Sheridan are the officers of GSA.



# They're support

Students find a place for acceptance

There are three words to explain the group called Gay Straight Alliance. Friends, support, and acceptance. GSA was formed "to educate people of the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) lifestyle," junior Stephanie Hutchison said. "The main point of GSA is for people to have a place to go. Lots of younger people who are gay don't realize that there are others like them. You need to find support from your peers and teachers. The majority of the group are straight who are somehow connected to the gay community and want to stop homophobia," senior and president of GSA Joshua Sheridan said. GSA is the group to be in if a student is looking for acceptance or just people to laugh with and enjoy time. "The atmosphere is really chatty and fun but we do get work done," Sheridan said. At meetings, sometimes a speaker will come and the group will do activities to learn about information that pertains to the LGBT communities. One specific lesson the group did was learn about the significance of the rainbow symbol. Also they go out in the community, and this year GSA is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for a transitional center. Some students in the group continue outside of school with socializing at different youth groups where many find acceptance and friends and support. Junior and GSA vice-president Kellen Sanders and Sheridan attend TOD, Teens of Diversity, a youth group at the LGBT Community Center. "It's open to anyone," Sanders said. Sanders also attends a lesbian group called CONNECT and other gay events like AIDS benefits. They both attend teen drag shows along with other straight and gay peers. Whether a student feels like there's someone there for them or not, there's a lot to gain from this group educationally and socially. "I want everyone to be able to come out feelings they have a place in their school to feel comfortable," Sheridan said. In GSA, everyone's accepted.



# Just say it!

don't be shy.

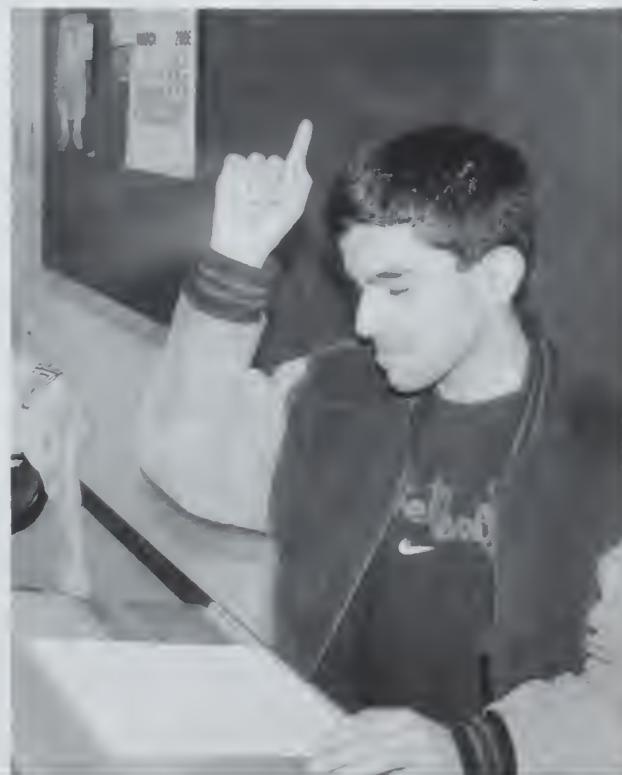


Above- Junior John Stoltze gets advice from debate coach Jon Rubino on how to improve his skills.

Junior John Stoltze and Sophomore Rachael Stern debate against each other.



Below-Junior Shazif Bachelani shows off his debating skills.



What is Forensics class?

Forensics is taught by Jon Rubino during sixth period, and is mostly made up of the debate team who learn how to improve their debating skills, but anyone can sign up for the class.

Juniors Grey Lovelace and Matt Henry perform their prepared speech for the judges. Lovelace and Henry have been in several Hoover productions.



## A Little Bit **Dramatic**

Students take the time to make a little speech perfect

**Q** Why did you choose to do speech contest?

Speech contest is a cool way to explore different kinds of drama. There's musical theater, choral reading, mime: My favorite is choral reading. That's what I did this year.

-Sophomore Emily Towe

**T**he hard work that students put into any drama production is often overlooked by the student body. Speech Contest is often ignored entirely, but the students involved don't work for the recognition by the student body.

"I have been doing this for two years; I like doing it because it is really fun, and you get a lot of drama points. I really like acting, and great its experience," said junior Kalina Overton.

Speech takes a lot of preparation, and the first step is to pick a speech. "We get a list of different types of speeches, and we then rate them from highest to lowest as to which ones we would like to do," Overton said.

"I would have really enjoyed being in it a second time," senior Chasity Butts said. "Being on stage feels like freedom from people judging you without really knowing you."



# Seniors Take Action Are You Ready?

Right- Danny Gooding shows his school spirit at a boys basketball game. Seniors often occupied the front row at games. Below- DeAnthony Zanders makes his way down the court at a varsity game against Roosevelt. The team made it all the way to the state tournament with a perfect record.

For four years you've paid your dues waiting to finally be on top. You've taken your tests, paid respect to your elders and plotted your time to shine. Whether you're on stage making your drama debut, typing up your latest story for the school newspaper, or just sitting in the stands at the basketball game, your presence is the thing that ties the school together. Your class is the face of the school. Soon you'll be walking across the stage as you receive your diploma. As you prepare to be on your own, you remember your husky days. Whether you're off to work, off to college, or have no plans for the future, you will always be tied to the husky class of 2006. It's your time to shine. Are you Ready?



Above- Joe Muldoon rallies the senior powderpuff team by singing the fight song after a win over the juniors. Muldoon started the tradition of the victory fight song last year when the same team won as juniors. Right- Mercedes Craddock takes a donation from Stephanie Frazer to help support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. A group of seniors started raising funds after the event happened in September. Above Right- Student of All Seasons nominees Brent Eustice and Cassondra Boston await the results of the contest. Five seniors are named Student of All Seasons every year.

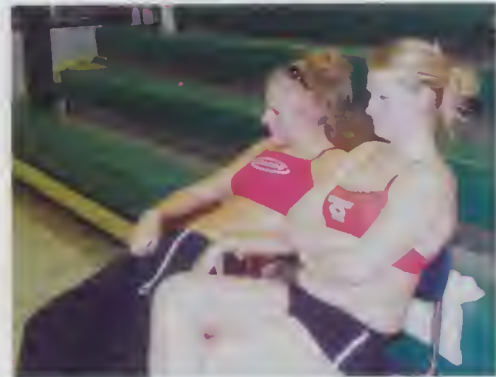
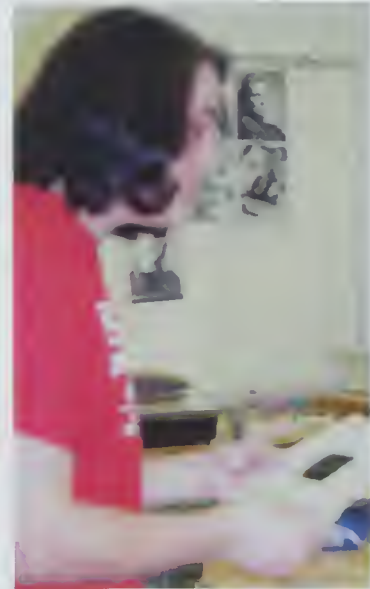




Left- Cory Orman takes a look at some bacteria in Biology 2. Orman had to make his own slides with bacteria cultures. Right- Heather May and Stephanie Jacobson take a break from setting up the annual Best Buddies Halloween dance.



Right- Newspaper editor Ryan Young stuffs his face with food during the annual Challenger lunch challenge. Below- Trevor Adams works on a photograph he shot for photography class.



Above- Angela Long and Jade Heidt watch as students enjoy a swim at Entertainment Tonight. Left- Jodi Harding is honored by principal Connie Cook for being a Student of All Seasons nominee. All 25 nominees were recognized at the Student of All Seasons assembly.



Above- Lydia Van Der Beek and Kalee Kleinhesselink wait to place their senior orders. Senior orders consist of paying for graduation announcements and gown rentals. Left- Karinne Harmon files medical papers at Lutheran Hospital as a volunteer.

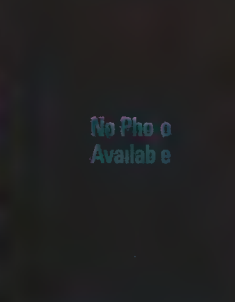
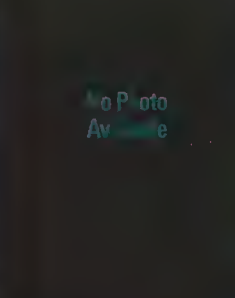




In the blink  
of an eye  
you had...

When Joe Muldoon  
ran a 'big 4' in his jock-  
strap after the North  
football game our  
junior year.  
-Cory Orman

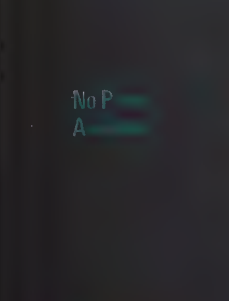
My freshman year I  
was afraid of getting  
called down to the  
office. Mr. Maxwell  
called me down one  
day and I was scared  
the whole day, but in  
the end he just wanted  
me to help with the  
Drake Relays.  
-Stephanie Jacobson





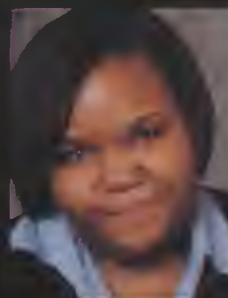
The scariest thing was trying to decide what to do with my life after high school.

-Christine Pederson



My biggest fear would probably be getting ran over by those silly hooligans racing in the parking lot everyday.

-Zach Rohlwing



Cheerleading tryouts freshman year was the scariest thing. There were around 40 girls trying out and only 12 made it. I was really nervous to see if I would make the squad.

-Laura Hart



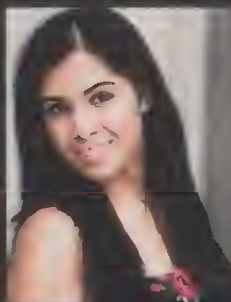


# In the blink of an eye you felt...

**SADNES**  
My saddest  
moment was  
when I failed  
my first test.  
-Jessica Bedard

Knowing that over  
half the people I've  
become friends  
with I probably  
won't ever see  
again.  
-Mercedes  
Craddock

My saddest  
moments came  
once a year, when  
my senior friends  
graduated and left.  
-David Bicket



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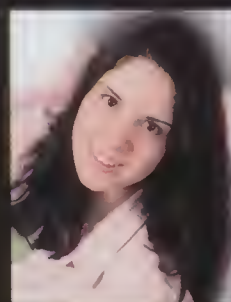
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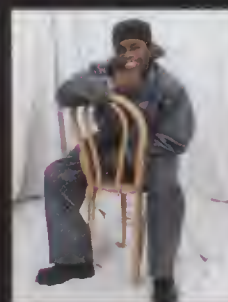
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Nakeisha Gibson



Brianna Glenn



Saul Gonzalez Rojas



Daniel Goodding



Quinn Goodson Jr.



Nathan Gronstal



David Gross



David Guisinger

Walking off the field  
after the North game  
knowing I had to take  
off my jersey for the  
last time and say  
goodbye to the  
coaches and my  
teammates. I've never  
cried so hard.  
-Joe Muldoon

Losing so many of my  
friends my junior year  
in auto accidents or  
ways that shouldn't  
have happened.  
-Veronica Russell

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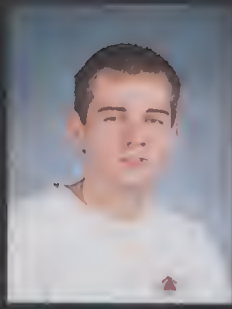


# In the blink of an eye you ...

When Mr. Jackson  
pulled out his toy light  
sabers in English class.  
- Robert Matthews

Me and Lisa once  
switched classes on  
April Fools Day and  
fooled all the teachers.  
-Monica Walker

Ashley Rooker and  
Mr. Koch always  
fighting and arguing  
in class.  
-Sadnan Mehanovic



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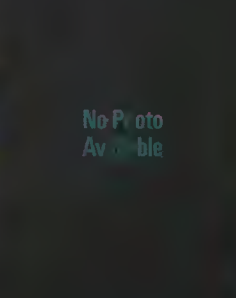
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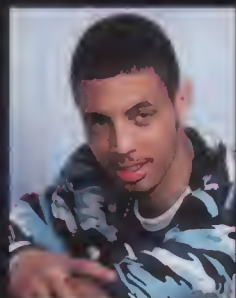


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Going to White Castle in Minneapolis on senior skip day and eating 10 hamburgers.  
-Eric Andersen

Seeing the senior guys dress up as cheerleaders at the powder puff game this year.  
- Kamita Aldrich

When I slipped on a wrapper and fell down the stairs.  
- Abreya Higgins

had a great



# In the blink of an eye you became...

**w** I would have tried out for cheerleading  
- Destiny McGregor

**i** I probably would change all the skipping I've done. It was fun but I shouldn't have done it.  
Almina Letic

**s** (I would) Have more hangouts with everyone in our senior class and not just my group of friends  
- Grassidy Weber

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Drew Kline



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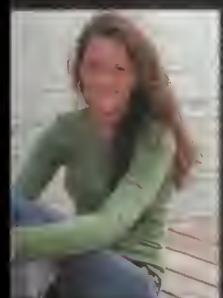
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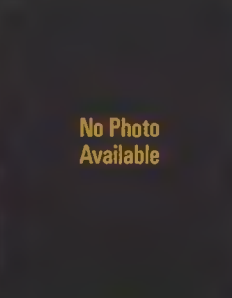


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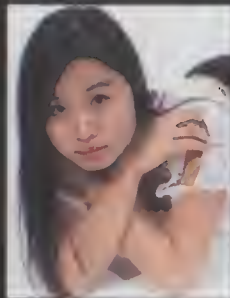
If I could change one  
thing, it would be  
taking more chances  
and risks, because  
now I am forever  
stuck with "what if."  
-Emily Tempel

I would change all  
the petty fights I've  
had with my friends  
and people in my  
grade. They were  
dumb and didn't  
solve anything.  
-Amanda Allen

I would have gotten  
involved in more  
activities sooner,  
especially drama.  
-Adam Haselnuhn



In the blink  
of an eye  
you...



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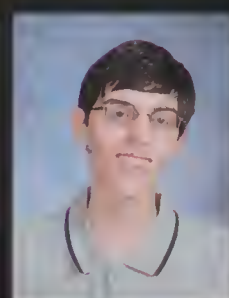
You don't get  
awards or money for  
acting like someone  
you're not, so be the  
real you. People  
somewhere are just  
like you.

-Rebecca Holmes



Experience all you  
can and meet as  
many people as  
possible. You'll never  
regret it!

-Kate Buckley



Learn how to pace  
yourself through  
homework and  
activities-- packing  
so many things  
onto one person is  
hard.

-Samantha Toole



Arthur R.

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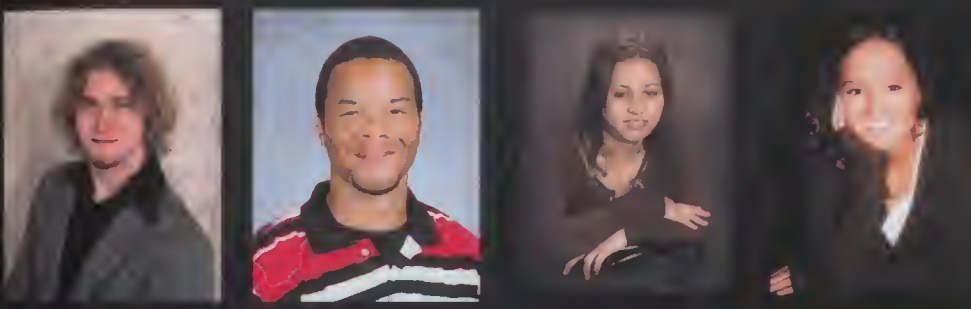
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Have as much fun as you can because time really flies, especially your senior year.

-Joe Sullivan



Enjoy your friends while you can! The experiences you share with them will mean the world to you in the end.

-Sarah Stearns



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Cass Scott

Try everything. Don't be afraid to do something because you never know if you'll enjoy it and eventually it will be too late.

-Kalee Kleinhesselink



Josh Sheridan

Josh Sig



# In the blink of an eye you felt...

I love that so many  
different people can  
hang out and not  
think about what  
others say.

-Kelsey Jones

Boys basketball.  
Seeing Ray Miller  
dunk is something I  
will always remember.

-Kailey Fucalora

I love that Hoover  
is a place where you  
don't have to be  
afraid of being who  
you are.

-Alex Mentzer



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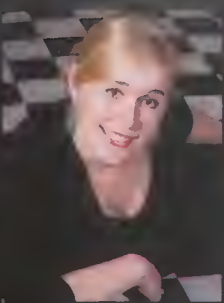
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I love my group of  
friends and our  
senior class. We  
have great diversity  
and character!  
-Caitlan Riordan

I love the teachers.  
They were so friendly  
and they made me  
feel like school was  
almost worth  
coming to.  
-Samantha Morrow

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# In the blink of an eye you gave ...

Enjoy life and what it  
brings to you, but  
remember what you  
work hard for is worth  
having.

-DeAnthony Zanders

If you are ever homeless  
and living on the street,  
you can come to me  
and I'll give you a sweet  
cardboard box that held  
my new 60" plasma TV.  
But seriously, knock on  
the back door, because  
the neighbors in those  
parts don't take kindly  
to riff-raff!

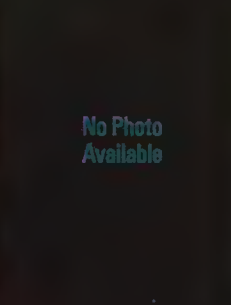
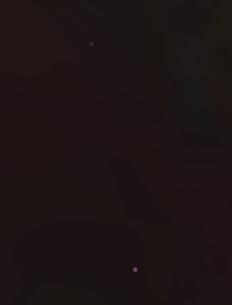
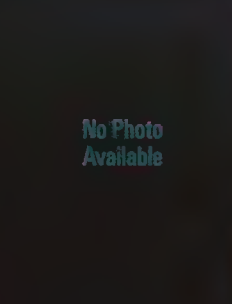
-Dan Braak

I hope to see you later  
on in life, NOT  
working at  
McDonalds!

-Katy Thompson

Go and live life to  
its fullest and let  
nothing hold you  
back.

-John Lind



# SENIOR STATS

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Class Song

Good Riddance (time of your life)  
by Green Day

Class Colors

Navy Blue and Silver

Class Flower

Alstroemeria

Class Motto

Do not follow where the path  
may lead. Go instead, where  
there is no path and leave a trail.

Senior Board

An Pham

Nikki Evans

Abreya Higgins

Ivy Rohlwing

Alex Emley

Matt Owen

Adam Haselhuhn

Cassondra Boston

Chassidy Weber

Caitlain Riordan



# Savor the Moment

Time is short, but memories last forever

Feel the rush of being in the crowd. See the dedicated students being recognized at an assembly. High school lasts only four years, but the memories last a lifetime. It is constantly referenced everywhere we look. Whether you're the captain of the basketball team, the computer whiz, or the class clown, you are apart of Hoover. High school memories are priceless. So see it, feel it, do it, because in the blink of an eye it's gone.

Right- Student of all Seasons nominees stand up amongst their clsss during the winter sports assembly where all nominees were announced. Bottom- Senior Stephanie Frazer donates some spare change at a table set up during lunch by Seniors Abreya Higgins and Josh Sighs for a Hurricane Katrina relief fund.



Top Left- Senior David Gross shakes principal Connie Cook's hand while he recieves his certificate for Student of all Seasons. Gross is also involved in basketball, golf, and tennis.

Top- Senior Mike Rother is arch welding for his medal shop class. Rother also takes classes at Central Campus.

Left- Varsity cheerleaders seniors Laura Hart, Nikki Evans, Caitlin Betts, and junior Kendra Harding lead the husky crowd in a cheer.



Left- Senior Ray Miller uses his long arms to his advantage while playing defense at a home game. The Huskies finished their season 26-0.



Left- Senior Phuong Nguyen looks into her microscope in her Biology 2 class. The class was studying bacteria.



Bottom- Gubernatorial candidate Chet Culver announces his candidacy for governor in the Hoover cafeteria.

Left- Junior Ryan Trump and Sophomore Hannah Allen play their cellos in their first period orchestra class.



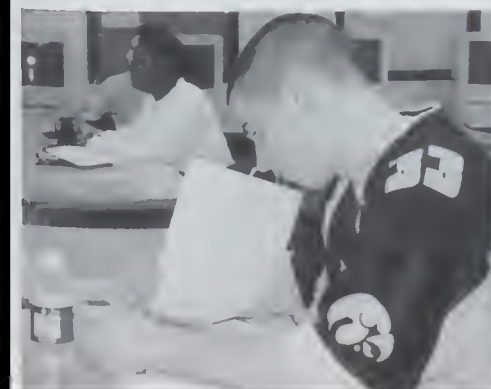
Above- Senior Stephanie Frazer steals junior Shaina Evans' purse while sophomore Adam Beaves arrests her in the winter play *A Christmas Carol*. Right- Senior Joe Muldoon studies about Hell in Nick Jackson's sixth period senior English class.



Above: Senior Travis Brown works out by doing situps in his athletic PE class.



Left: Senior Adam Haselhuhn played Bob Cratchet in the winter play. Here Cratchet (Haselhuhn) is updating his banking books for his boss Ebenezer Scrooge played by Josh Sheridan.







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future. We miss you so much.  
Love,  
Mom, Amber, & Kaylee

## Amanda Allen



Pooh,  
We knew you were going places  
from the day you flew into this  
world. Now its your time to fly  
solo toward your dreams. We  
know you'll go far.

Love, Mom and Dad

## Kristine Beghtel



Kristine,  
What a wonderful little girl  
you were. What an intelligent  
beautiful woman you are.  
You will have an amazing  
future. We are proud to be  
your Grandma and Grandpa

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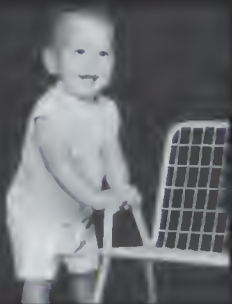
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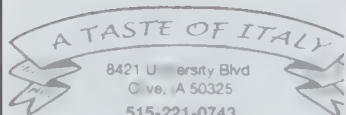


Travis,  
It has been a wonderful,  
sometimes bumpy road to  
watch you grow from this sweet  
little guy into a wonderful young  
man! We are so proud of you!  
We love you!  
Mom and Dad

## Dan Braak



Dan,  
It seems like only yesterday you  
were wearing cowboy boots with  
your P.J's ... oh wait, that was  
yesterday. Congrats on your  
graduation. We can't wait to  
see what the future holds for  
you!  
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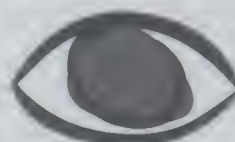
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come true

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Dear "Nikki Nicole Marie,"  
Way to go! You've overcome  
unbelievable obstacles and  
kept smiling. I'm so proud of  
you! so - Dream big. Reach  
far. Shine bright.  
All my love,  
Mom

## Jon Foutz



When i first held this tiny boy  
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Love you Forever,  
Mom and Rusty

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Dan,  
Thanks for the constant  
happiness you have shown to  
all the people who know you,  
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beautiful person! I wish you  
happiness, health and fun  
forever!  
Love, Mom

**Scott  
Carroll**




Scott,  
You have always made us proud!  
May your future be bright!  
Love you!  
Dad, Mom, and Baby, Jason,  
Brenna, Lacy and Aunt Mary

**Alex  
Emely**



Alex,  
It's been a joy to see you grow  
into a wonderful young man.  
We are very excited to watch  
the next chapter of your life  
unfold.  
Love, Mom and Dad

**Mercedes  
Craddock**



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paid off. Good luck and God  
Bless!  
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Mom and the Baileys

## Brianna Glenn



My daughter, I can't tell you  
how proud of you I am and  
for all you've accomplished.  
You are definately a gift from  
God and I'm very blessed.  
Love,  
Mommy and Marissa

## Jodi Harding



Jodi, You are an inspiration to our  
family. We are so proud of you  
and your accomplishments in high  
school. You have overcome more  
in your 17 years than most people  
have to in a lifetime. We know  
that whatever you do in life, you  
will succeed. "Keep running."  
Love, Mom, Dad, Jessica, and  
Jennifer

## Adam Haselhuhn



Adam,  
Be happy, you've earned it. Your  
walk along life's path continues  
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you in our lives. Keep that  
energy and enthusiasm going.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Kelsey Jones



Our baby girl is now a beautiful  
young lady. May you find  
happiness and peace in your  
journey through life. We love  
you! Mom and Dad

## Timmy Jaynes



Timmy -  
You are so special to us. We are  
proud of what a fine young man  
you are. Those big blue eyes will  
get you far.  
Love you, Mom, Tim, Amanda,  
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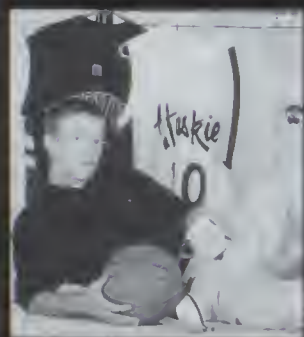
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that we will always be there for  
you. Follow your dreams and  
make us proud!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Chad, and Olivia



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## Megan Miras



Going places from the start  
you havbe made us very  
prou. Good luck in College  
and all you strive to do.  
Mom and Nikki8

## Calli Laudick



Calli Joy -  
Congratulations! You have filled  
our lives with laughter and light.  
Your family is proud of your  
accomplishments and cherishes  
you. Your enthusiasm will lead  
you far.  
Your living cheering section -  
Mom, Dad, Ryan, Travis, and  
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## Alex Mentzer



Alex,  
You've brought so much  
joy into our lives. We are  
so proud of the person  
you've become. The house  
will be empty without  
you. AAlong with our  
hwearts.  
Love, Mom and Dad

## Heather May



You taught us through your  
strength and determination  
to become better people and  
parents we are so proud of  
you and we love you very  
much!  
Love, Mom and Jeff

## Joe Muldoon



Congratulations Joe! YOur  
family and friends are very  
proud of your accomplishments!  
Continue to work hard to reach  
your goals in life.  
As the Irish say of the shamrock  
- "Good luck, Good health,  
and Happiness ALWAYS"  
Love Ya!  
Mom

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## Emily Newton



Our Emily Rose,  
No doubt about it, you will  
excell in all you do. We are  
very proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Brandon, and  
Bailee

## Jason Ostergaard



Jason,  
Congratulations! From the  
football and baseball fields to  
the classroom, we are so proud  
of you! We wish you much  
success in the years to come.  
We love you,  
Mom and Dad

## Jack Newman



Jack,  
Thanks for the joy of  
watching you grow into  
a successful, confident  
young man.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Andy, Leah,  
Dan, Emily Dave and Katie

## Jason Ostergaard



Jason,  
It has been fun watching  
you grow up from Super  
Jason to the Terminator,  
you are a very special  
nephew. Good luck in  
college.  
Love, Aunt SHeryl

## Jason Ostergaard



Jason,  
Never give up. Always be  
hopeful. Believe in yourself.  
Try to have a little fun each  
day, that's important! You are  
the brightest star in the sky  
nephew, and I'm such a  
proud aunt.  
Love, Shawn



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Jimmy,  
I have watched you grow  
up into a great person and  
an even better brother. I  
know you will succeed in  
college and whatever else  
you pursue.  
Good Luck!  
love, Bob

## Niema Peake



Niema,  
Always remember that  
"best friends" will come  
and go, but YOUR family  
will always be there for  
love and support.  
Mom, Dad and Tamera



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Chelsea, Beautiful Baby, Wonderful Child, Outstanding Young Lady, Lovely Daughter. "listen to Counsel and Recieve Instruction, That you May Be Wise in Your Later Days." We love you so very much. Dad and Denise

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## Cassie Scott



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## Emily Tempel



Em - We've had a lot of fun, as well as crazy times. Looking forward to many, many more!! Love you, Aunt Marcia

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Your hard work to reach your goals has brought you a future as bright as your smile. We'll always be so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad

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Dear Samantha, WOW! You are 18 years old and graduating from high school. It seems like just yesterday you were starting kindergarten. Mom and I are so very proud of you and your accomplishments! We both know that your future is bright and many great things await you! Our best wishes!! Love, Mom and Mike

## Nathan Tyler



Nathan,  
We are so proud of you! You  
are a great role model. Keep  
up the good work!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Erika, Adam, and  
Alex

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Monica and Lisa,  
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us so much joy!! We're proud  
of all your accomplishments!!  
Do your best at Iowa State and  
where ever that road takes you.  
With all our love,  
Mom, Dad, and Nick

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Lydia -  
We are so proud of your  
accomplishments and the  
person you have become.  
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Dad, Mom, and Abby

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To Our "Young" King,  
You have the world at  
your fingertips. Be happy.  
We are So proud of you.  
Dad and Mom

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Julia,  
Our love is with you  
always. Be safe.  
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we could ever ask for. You are  
a beautiful, intelligent young lady.  
Good luck in the future.  
Love always and forever,  
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